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DEDICATED
TO MY FELLOW MAN

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ADDRESSED TO ALL WHO WORSHIP
GOD, IRRESPECTIVE OF CREED
OR DENOMINATION

All humanity is hungering for Religion. Let us make it a permanency in the household.

“A place for prayer implies a time for it.”
Let us consecrate one room in our homes, no matter how small, to the worship of God.

The home Sanctuary is not a luxury but a vital necessity. “The Church and the State both depend for vigor and stability upon the home.”

Every home should have a bath-room for the cleanliness of the body and a sanctuary for the cleanliness of the soul.

“If Pagan Rome had domestic shrines for household gods, surely Christian America ought to have domestic shrines for the one God.”

There are few of us who have not longed, at some time, for the quiet room in our home in which to pray—in which to shut ourselves off from the world and be alone with God.

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A CHAPEL IN EVERY HOME

CHAPTER I

THE MESSAGE

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God."—Rev. xxi, 3.

To All Who Worship God, Irrespective of Creed or Denomination

The Godless home is the menace of the world today.
Children are growing up in irreverence. God is daily
and universally dishonored—in the home and out of it.
Where will it end?

Now comes this appeal to the world, to every man and woman, and for this and all the ages to come, for a Chapel or Sanctuary in every home—impracticable in millions of homes already crowded, practicable in millions of homes which are not—possible in every home that may hereafter be built—and ultimately, a chapel in every home, the tribute of mankind to his Maker.

The home is the foundation of the State. The home and family is the cornerstone on which rests national life and progress. Is this not so? Then any effectual means of strengthening and uplifting home life, of deepening the religious and moral convictions and purity which are the very essence of home life, must have vital effect upon the national life of the human family as a whole. Hence this suggestion that in every home there should be a place for prayer or meditation; a family center for spiritual thought, communion and uplift.

The suggestion is not for an elaborate addition to the house, but to take one room, small or large, as circumstances may permit, if only six feet by four, set it

aside, call in your minister and consecrate and dedicate it to Almighty God as the "closet" for prayer, the chapel in the home, an Audience Chamber for the King of Kings. It would be a potent influence on the child life and a "witness" and a reminder to the parents and to every visitor. The larger the home the larger the chapel. We have enriched our homes from time immemorial with provisions for every physical comfort and luxury, but where is there any visible evidence of religion in the modern home? The weakness of Faith in the present generation has its foundation in *the decline of religion in the home*, or to put it more forcibly, the absence of it. Children lack the parental spiritual foundation on which to build their Faith. There are so many other gods in the home today, and so little to suggest the presence of the One God.

It is timely that we should make provision for a sanctuary for prayer in every home throughout the land, and by this means strive to build a new spiritual foundation for the world in the home, in the life of the child, by the gradual introduction of the "consecrated room," so that there shall ultimately be a chapel in every home, of the rich and the poor.

Religion will be on a surer foundation, beginning with earliest consciousness. Then the nations will be more God-fearing, for the children will grow into men and women, and the sanctity of the home will be reflected in their lives and in all their dealings with their fellow-man.

This cannot be accomplished by any one denomination any more than it can by one individual; it is a work of labor and love, nay more, it is a duty for us all. The chapel in the home will have its enemies; it will be called "impracticable," and its path will be thorny, but all must admit that "*the things of God must be first or we perish.*"

There is nothing new in the thought of a chapel in the home. In the days of the Apostle Paul he personally

recorded that there were churches in the homes of Nymphas, Priscilla and Aquila, and Apphia. Pagan Rome had household temples for her idol gods. What has Christian America in her homes for the Only Living God? In many homes you could not find a Bible. We expect everything—health, happiness, riches and honors—but we give nothing. Modern religion is more of a Sabbath observance than a recognized daily need. There is little or nothing in our homes, or home life, to remind us of our God. Family prayers are a thing of the past. Grace at meal time is a rarity. There is dust on the family Bible.

The writer hurls this axe at the root of the decay of religion throughout the world—*at the Godless homes*. We all recognize the menace of the Godless home—we rail at it, are continually calling attention to it, say what will happen if something is not done—but what we require today is a *remedy*.

No pretense is made that this is an effectual remedy, but it is a message born from earnest prayer, and with God's assistance it will help. It is at least something, and "worthy of the consideration of us all."

Already the message of "A Chapel in Every Home" has been fervently and eloquently endorsed by three Cardinals, the Primates of the Anglican Church in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, India and Ceylon, the West Indies, and the Metropolitans of Australia and South Africa; three Archbishops, and one hundred and twenty-one Bishops of the United States and Great Britain, the presidents of twenty-five universities, colleges and seminaries in the United States, leading clergymen of the foremost denominations, and distinguished laymen whose names are household words.

It has made more than an impression, it has taken a strong hold of their convictions. What they say on the subject indicates that not one of these leaders in religion, science, art, finance and industry, considers it impracticable of performance. In their weighty argu-

ments for its universal adoption (which appear in this book), while they recognize the difficulty of creating a sanctuary or chapel in many homes of today, they find a broad foundation to build on in the many homes throughout the world in which the vacant room or the "closet" is awaiting consecration. There are many homes, however, in which there is neither closet nor room for a closet, for they are crowded even beyond their capacity; but some day every home, small or large, will have its sanctuary, closet, chapel, church in the house—whatever name will give God the most Glory—dedicated to Him and the uplift of man; where the little children will learn from their parents respect and love for God the Father and, in the writer's belief, for Jesus Christ the Saviour. Some day, a house without its sanctuary will be looked upon as an unfit habitation for a human being.

No thought is advanced that the sanctuary in the home will be a panacea for all human ills, but its influence for good, visible and invisible, will exceed human comprehension. We can make this the heritage of future generations if we begin now with pure and undefiled religion in the home—with the children, and we can make our own generation faithful servants of God.

With the home resting on the family altar, a new religious life will come to the world; wholesome, unwavering. The world will learn by experience to rely on prayer. We shall believe that there is more good in the world than evil; more truth than falsehood; more love, mercy and forgiveness in God, than condemnation and punishment. We shall realize that prayer is the only weapon with which the world can overcome evil.

Among the earliest to recognize the full value of a chapel in every home was Bishop Paddock of Eastern Oregon. In writing on the subject he said:

"The suggestion that in every home there should be a place for prayer and meditation; a

family center for spiritual thought, communion and uplift, is excellent; it would make us more loyal and loving in the family, it would increase the attendance and spiritual atmosphere in our churches; it would help to bind together the whole world as children of the one Father, and would inspire us to make them conscientious members of one family in Christ. Then there would be no more selfishness, no more sin; hatred and hostilities would cease. We would love God and love our neighbor also, and the heavenly life would begin. May God show each one of us how we may hasten this day, and give us the will and the power to make our dreams real."

When parents read the Bible as the Word of God, and expound it as such to their children, the decline of religion in the home will be stayed. Ignorance of the Bible to those who have eyesight and can read, is inexcusable, but to parents, it is a continuing offence against the Almighty God.

Accentuating the great responsibility of parents, and to suggest a means whereby they may enrich their own Faith and lives by a closer daily walk with God and their influence on the child's life, comes the message of the chapel in the home, the place for prayer. Is it possible? Is it practicable? Will it accomplish its purpose?

From the viewpoint of the architect, it is both practicable and desirable. Dr. Warren Powers Laird, Dean of the Department of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, adds this contribution:

"To the architect, whose created works are not only the seat but the symbol of the life to be lived within them, the opportunity to incorporate a chapel in the home must bring peculiar satisfaction, for it would enable him to complete the practical provisions for the various functions of the home life, now too universally confined to the physical and social sides."

A century ago the bathroom was impracticable. The art of building has not only eliminated the "impracticability," but the world now recognizes the necessity of the bathroom for cleanliness—and if a bathroom for the cleanliness of the body, then, why not a sanctuary in the home for the cleanliness of the soul, a sanctuary in the home of the workingman, as well as his employer?

Difficulties bristle on every side; in the hovels, crowded tenements, apartments, and in houses of many types, but in this era of building, what the past century has done for the cleansing of the body in the home, the next century will do for the cleansing of the soul. Architects and builders will make provision for the sanctuary in the homes of the future, whether they be houses, apartments or tenements, and for the poor as well as the rich.

"If Pagan Rome had domestic shrines for household gods, surely Christian America ought to have domestic shrines for the One God."

It was in these immortal words that the Rev. George Dana Boardman, D. D., LL. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and now long gathered with the saints, received the message of "A Chapel in Every Home" nearly twenty-four years ago. He read it aright. His soul immediately caught its inspiration. The Christian world was behind the heathen in its attitude toward its God. Then he concluded by saying:

"Were the idea carried out, it would tend to make every home a sacred establishment; it would make worship a daily privilege instead of a weekly; it would make worship more intensely personal; it would help us obey our Master's precept of unostentation in worship—'when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who sees in secret.'"

Josiah H. Penniman, Provost, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in writing on "A Chapel in Every Home," nearly a quarter of a century later, said:

"The thought that we should set apart a portion of each day for religious meditation and worship is, of course, a generally accepted one, but your thought that there should not only be a time, but also a *special place* in every home, however great, or however humble, which should be set apart as a place of worship—is of importance, for it emphasizes the necessity for religion in the life, and in the home. Moreover, the fact that there is such a *place* in the house is likely to keep ever in the minds of its occupants, the necessity of having also a *time* for worship.

"Of course, God may be worshipped acceptably in *any place*, but, in a *special place*, the worship is less apt to be interfered with by the encroachments of worldly thought and worldly things. If your idea could be realized in every home where men profess and believe in and worship God, the effect on those who do not make such professions would be incalculably great for good.

"May your devotion to a great cause, the greatest of all causes, be rewarded by the setting apart of innumerable *places* of worship sacred to God whom we profess to serve."

The words, "a chapel in every home," express the whole thought; one room in every home disassociated with eating, sleeping, and the worldly things of this life, dedicated and consecrated to Almighty God as the sanctuary into which the members of the family may go together or alone, in times of health, in times of sickness, in times of happiness and prosperity, in times of desolation and adversity, and pray in secret to our Heavenly Father in His Holy Temple.

Fellow-laborers of St. Paul were the first Christians to have a church in their houses.

“Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.”—Colossians 4: v. 15.

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

“Likewise greet the church that is in their house.”—Romans 16: v. 3-5.

“The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”—I Corinthians 16: v. 19.

“Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon, our dearly beloved and fellow-labourer,

“And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house.”—Philemon 1: v. 2.

What a sincere tribute to the teaching of Jesus Christ would such a room be in any house. In His Sermon on the Mount He said:

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet; and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”—Matthew 6: v. 6.

One of the pleas for a chapel in the home, which will find many sympathizers, is for the secret chamber for prayer. There are times when we cannot pray with satisfaction when others are around, not even the most loved members of our family. We want to be alone, to be able to utter our thoughts aloud, unheard by the world, to cry out in agony of spirit, or to offer up our thanks for His manifold blessings. We just want to enter that “closet,” close the door, and be alone with

Him. How often do we hunger for this rare privilege of being alone with God in our own home? What a joy it will be when in every home, whether we be a guest or inmate, we can turn to this consecrated spot and fall on our knees in His presence and pour out our hearts. Communion such as this would produce a faith strong as "the rock of ages," a soul "as a watered garden." Prayer would lose all formality. We would talk to God as our Father in heaven.

In the Sunday schools the little ones learn the history of religion. The development of their minds is more or less intellectual. This is said with fervent appreciation of the great and good work Sunday schools are doing the world over, but the real, spiritual inspiration must come in the home, from the parents, and the environment of the child must reflect their reverential attitude toward God—and the acknowledgment of the supreme value of religion in their daily life. When we can show our children that we, the parents, love the Lord, our God, with all our hearts, and approach His holy altar with joy and gladness, with perfect Faith, then will the child go to Sunday School and Church with love and rejoicing, because it will feel that God is near it, always, and not making a weekly corrective visitation. The spiritual attitude of the child must be created in the home, and once imbued with the thought that God is the great invisible friend, everything taught thereafter in the Sunday schools about Him will fall on willing, attentive ears. Companionship with God must be the child's daily, loving thought, and no one can give a child this thought like its mother. Mother love is next to God love. Motherhood is the noblest institution under heaven.

The weekly half-hour lesson in the Sunday School can never take the place of religious instruction in the home. Parents who lean entirely on the Sunday School and absolve themselves from greater responsibility in

laying the foundation of the spiritual life of the child, must assume accountability for its weakness in the Faith. When parents realize their personal responsibility for the building up of the Faith of the child, it will become a serious duty to them, calling for prayer for guidance and direction. In the home, parents by correct living, truth, and a reverential attitude toward God, could exercise a profound influence on the impressionable mind of the child, and the sanctuary in the home would have a direct bearing on the result. The greatest joy that could come to a parent would be to feel that his or her child had grown up clean in mind, body and soul.

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart :

“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”—Deuteronomy 6: v. 5-7.

“And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates;

“That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children.”—Deuteronomy 11 : v. 20-21.

Moses so instructed the fathers of the children of Israel.

For many years the work of striving to build up this thought in the world has been going on. The sanctuary or chapel in every home has been viewed from almost every angle by leaders of nearly all the great religious denominations and, like every permanent and lasting reformation, it moves slowly but surely toward world-wide adoption.

The first presentation of it was made on October 30, 1898, in *The New York Herald* and *The Philadelphia Press*, with commendations by a few of the leading churchmen, including Bishops Potter, of New York; Neely, of Maine; Coleman, of Delaware; Scarborough, of New Jersey and Graves, of Laramie. In 1909 the first book on the subject was printed and distributed, and the following appears in it:

“The words, ‘a chapel in every home,’ have been beckoning the writer on—in the daylight, in the darkness, on the street, in his office and in his home. At the last named place it has long existed as a reality, the most loved spot in the household, consecrated by the Church and used daily by the members of his family for their devotions. ‘A chapel in every home’ rings in his ears like the voice of God calling him to deliver His message to His people,—in the homes of the rich, in the homes of the poor—a place for prayer, dedicated to Him.”

Much has been written and said on the subject since that time until it has become like the cool of the morning, the fragrance of the garden, the scent of the woods, and the breezes of ocean.

George H. Stuart, Jr., President, The Home Missionary Society of the City of Philadelphia, and Vice-President of The Philadelphia Bible Society, pays it this tribute:

“The message of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ brings a new light to the world. It is a challenge to the faith of us all. A Christian household is the unit upon whose foundation is built the structure of an enduring national life, and the influence of this message shall be recorded upon the pages of history. The title, so well chosen by the author, clearly indicates the intimate connection between worship and family reverence for those objects which transcend the grosser elements of our physical being.

“If ever there was a time when the chapel in the home would throw its beacon light upon a world, sin-tossed and struggling with passions and doubts, surely it is now. It would shine out over the raging sea of wavering faith, and pilot us into the haven of prayer, to find sweet comfort and Divine guidance in the sanctuary of the Most High. Within its portals we could lay our weakness, our sorrow and our perplexity before our God, in secret communion in our own home, day or night. The banner of our sanctuary would ever proclaim to our fellow-man our allegiance to the King of Kings and our brotherhood with humanity. The thought is a noble one in its conception, and wholly practicable of execution.

“May this chapel therefore be set up in every home throughout our land and in every land, that by its sacred influence, admission, and teachings, the youth and manhood of the world may find, enjoy, and transmit to succeeding generations, the blessings alike of true religion, and civil and political liberty.”

Here we have the expression of one whose experience is founded on many years of intimate association with the development of the spiritual atmosphere of living.

Though churches may differ on creed and ritual, they have proved that they stand together to welcome anything that will tend to bring back religion to the home, the return of family prayer, the searching of the Scriptures for knowledge, grace at meals, and once again those sweet morning and evening prayers at our mother's knee, or beside our little beds. The home can again be made a powerful influence in the spiritual life of nations. What the home requires now is greater reverence for the things of God, the Bible and prayer; and the setting apart of a room to the Almighty God as a sanctuary for prayer, a holy spot in the house, would go a long way toward creating in the hearts of

children a proper appreciation of the reverential attitude of the parent toward God. The home would be more of a home; it would have greater dignity—there would be a closer relation between parent and child.

The present crowded tenements, apartments and houses in which there is no room, cannot last forever. New and modern structures for all classes are being built everywhere, affording the opportunity for owner and architect to combine investment and utility with work for the Master, for "where God has given a roof, there he expects an altar."

In the book already referred to, printed in 1909, the writer also said:

"My own little chapel is less than six feet square, yet so far it has been large enough for all our needs. When I moved into my present home some years ago, there it awaited me already built, at the head of the stairway on the second floor, with a colored glass window in it, just as if I had designed it. It was probably intended for a sewing room or some other domestic purpose. I accepted the mute invitation and it at once became the chapel. We fitted it up, had it consecrated by our minister and have used it daily ever since. There are similar rooms in many homes all over the world waiting their consecration and dedication to Almighty God.

"The chapel in every home must come in time; and its effect will be to bring the presence of God into thousands of homes in which he would otherwise be unknown. The late Bishop Potter wrote me, 'a place for prayer implies a time for it,' and since he sent me that message I have learned its truth by experience, and can add that in addition to the place and the time, my own little chapel has proved an invitation so irresistible that I have found myself on my knees within its portals as many times outside the regular hours for prayer as within them.

"A row of houses for workingmen will be built by some pioneer with a little chapel, six feet long and four wide, in each house; with a colored glass window at the end to suggest an atmosphere of sanctity, the

sill of which may constitute the altar. Some may use it as a store room or for any other domestic purpose, but someone in the row will use the little chapel in the home as a place for prayer and others will copy. It may take hundreds of years to bring man to a realization that he is behind the pagans in his attitude toward his God; but again I predict that the time will come when people, in looking for a house to rent or buy, will ask, 'What kind of a chapel has it?' and the chapel in every home will be sweet in the eyes of the Lord.

"I cannot let this thought die—I could not if I would, for it must henceforth reverberate down the avenue of time, the closer relation of man with his Maker in his everyday life, the invitation to God to dwell in the household, the chapel in the home—every home—henceforth and forever.

"When the hot blood of anger surges through the veins and the words which cut like a knife accompany the cruel blow; when husband and wife forget their vows made at the altar and in the presence of their little ones turn on each other like wild beasts—in the tumult and agony of human weakness and suffering, the open door of that little room sacred to God will utter 'peace.' Many a harsh word will be suppressed by a sight of that open door and the feeling of the invisible presence of God within. Many a one bowed down in grief and tribulation will find comfort there—kneeling alone with Him who will help if we will only let Him, and a great joy will be born to man from a closer personal communion with his God.

"It has been born to me, and often on my knees in that sacred spot in my home I have prayed alone against despair and death, and though death prevailed and took my loved ones, I understood—it was all right—and peace came over my soul so sweet that I would, if I could, give it to all my fellow-men. And in the daily battle of life I have found my strength and inspiration from a brief communion in the morning with my Heavenly Father. The day's toil has been lightened and the shadows have dissolved before the bright confidence I carried out with me from that brief communion.

"What has been the effect of the Chapel in the Home on the attendance of my family at Church? It

has been to intensify the desire for congregational worship, to create a joyous anticipation of the Sabbath when the worship in the home expands into worship with all the people in the greater houses of God.

“If I could tell all that Chapel has done for me and my loved ones, there is not a man who believes in God who would allow another day to pass without planning one for his home.

“Some of the great and good men, whose letters on this subject I have had reproduced for the benefit of the world, have passed beyond the Great Divide, but their words of encouragement and approval are already cemented into the foundation of this movement for all times. Others, whose letters are reproduced, still live to help in the work of making the chapel in every home practical and universal. Let the Bishops, High Priests and Elders of the world, unite with the Clergy to bring the thought home to every congregation, and by this means it will have the spiritual force through human channels which will hasten that day which the Almighty God intends to come, when a habitation will be provided for Him in every home.

“All humanity is hungering for religion. The hand of sickness, sorrow and death is leaning heavily on many households, and it is at such times that eyes are cast heavenward for comfort. If our eyes were as often cast heavenward in times of health and prosperity as they are in times of sickness, we would be better men and women, and there would be more charity in the world. If we had God in our hearts as much as in our heads, domestic devotion would not be dying out, but would be a loving daily communion with our Father in Heaven. Again, I refer to that sentence in Bishop Potter’s letter, ‘a place for prayer implies a time for it.’ Let us consecrate one room in our home, no matter how small, to the worship of God, and make provision hereafter for the chapel in every home.

“Whoever reads these lines I invite to come forward and help me in this generation in carrying the thought and suggestion as far as we can. The chapel in the home will indeed ‘deepen the religious life and be a safeguard against irreverence and wrong-doing in the family,’ and become a tower of strength among

men in developing a loftier purity in domestic life, and greater love and charity toward all.

“The message now speaks, not alone from the bearer, but with the eloquence of the world’s greatest minds, and the suggestion of a chapel in every home will some day be the acclaimed demand of the civilized world for a ‘closer walk with God.’ ”

Conditions are no different in 1922 than they were in 1898 or 1909. The world is perhaps a little more uneasy, and not without reason. Devout believers are becoming alarmed, and are not only expecting something to happen but praying for it. Anything that will sober the excited multitude pursuing the “mammon of unrighteousness.” Should not this thought then at once appeal to all those who associate Faith with everything that is Eternal? Why, the happiness of knowing that you have taken a little room in your house, and consecrated it and made a chapel out of it, a tabernacle in the home to Jehovah, would commence with the adoption of the thought and never end. When our Blessed Saviour sees the lights burning on millions of altars erected to Him in millions of homes throughout the world, twinkling like the stars, there will be joy in Heaven.

The seed of “A Chapel in Every Home” has been sown wherever the English language is spoken. It has always been a regret to the writer that language and expense prevented the sowing of the seed outside of the English speaking countries. The commendations received from the foremost churchmen of many of the leading denominations, including the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, nevertheless indicate that the universal adoption of the thought would bring about a great religious uplift to the nations of the world.

The leaders of all denominations, clergy and laity, are, therefore, urged to unite in this movement and to

proclaim the message of "A Chapel in Every Home" from the pulpit, aye, from the house-tops—for that is how it will ultimately be brought home to man. If man wants to argue against it then, he will have to argue with his God. All humanity is hungering for religion, and yearning for "a closer walk with God," and the chapel in the home is where that hunger and yearning can be satisfied. "Public worship in the church—important though it be—can never take the place of Family Prayers." May God grant, therefore, that the home chapel may become universal, and all the physical obstacles which delight the Prince of Darkness dissolve in the gradual evolution of every home with a tabernacle of the Lord.

How wonderful it would be if every home had its *audience chamber* for the King of Kings.

What has God done for man? Everything. He made him in His own image. He gave him the delicious senses. He created the flowers in all their beauty to delight the eye of man and their perfume his sense of smell. He made the forests, plains and mountains, the green grass and the ocean, so that man should never weary. He gave him the sunshine, the moonlight and the starlight, the air and water, and everything in the manner of food and clothing. Above all, He gave him his wonderful mind and soul. How small a thing to ask of every man and woman who believes in God to dedicate to the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and to Jesus Christ our Blessed Saviour, a sanctuary in the home—in every home. You have heard the message. Harken unto it in your hours of health and prosperity. These are but the things of this life, but a sanctuary for God in your home is a proclamation, an open acknowledgment to all the world—"I believe in God the Father, and in the life to come."

What did Christ mean in his Sermon on the Mount, when he said: "But thou when thou prayest,

enter into thy *closet*, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly?"

The mind can wander over many kinds of closets, of all shapes and sizes, and typifying all ages, but out of all mass of stone, brick, mortar, and lath, emerges "A Place for Prayer."

The idea of a chapel in every home, is not a pretentious chapel with a little house attached to it, but a home no matter how small, with one little room in it, dignified, consecrated and dedicated to the Almighty, God as the religious center around which the domestic life can revolve. We all know that there is no room in numberless houses for a chapel, no matter how small, for like unto the hovels, and the crowded tenements, humanity is so huddled together in them it scarcely has a space on which to sleep. We knew all these things before the message of a chapel in every home went forth, that physical conditions made its fulfillment literally impossible in the places already referred to, but we also knew that there were numberless houses throughout the world, with small families, in which one room could at once be converted into "the closet for prayer."

The greatest opportunity will come however, in the new houses being constructed every year throughout the world, in which a little chapel could be included, and as the present unsuited houses decayed or were pulled down and others took their places, a chapel could be incorporated in them. If architects and builders will only take hold of this thought, they can help materially in making its practical adoption universal. *Who will be the first architect to design a row of houses for the workingman with a little chapel in every house in the row?*

The most used and plausible argument of the devil against a chapel in the home, is the following:

“We do not have to set apart a room in our home. God is everywhere and therefore, He is in every part of it. Every spot is sacred.”

This seems a reasonable argument in the face of our belief in the omnipresence of Almighty God, and if the omnipresence alone were in question, we could make no further argument. But let us take up the rest of it. Is every spot in every home *always a fit* habitation for the presence of God? Beginning with the attic and descending to the cellar, is every spot sacred? Would your neighbor say so? But the chapel in the home would always be sacred and presentable. It does not matter what part of the house you go to, it is associated ninety-nine per cent. with man. True, God is everywhere, but would it not be an act of reverence and supreme respect to provide the “holy spot” on which to stand in the exaltation of His worship?

What a powerful hold Satan has on many of us. The reward offered by him is not salvation and eternal life, but present earthly honors, pleasures and licentious enjoyments. This Prince of Darkness stands on guard at the door of every house to try to keep out the chapel, the tribute to Almighty God; not only stands at the door, but he is in every part of the house making his principal habitation in the minds of the inmates. Extraordinary as it may seem, there are some weak minded persons who recognize the power of the devil to such an extent that they are afraid to come out and fight him, or to challenge and defy him, lest he work some terrible calamity to them. Then there are persons who enjoy the devil and all his works so thoroughly that if they had to give up some of the pleasures and honors of this world and make sacrifices, they would rather defy God than the devil.

If one believes in God, and is either building a new house or has a room in the house in which he is

living which could be converted into a sanctuary, what excuse could he really offer to God for denying Him a sanctuary in the home, other than impracticability of performance. Responsibility for the acceptance or rejection of this plea must, therefore, be with the individual who receives it.

The most brilliant argument that man could conceive for the adoption of a chapel in every home, could not even approach the subject, for this is not a matter between man and man, *but between man and God*. That exalted character of this message is such that the world should take it up like a magnificent paean to the Almighty God, and make it the most wonderful and far reaching tribute ever offered to Him. A universal foundation has already been laid for it by the reverential and wise words of those who have recognized the value of the thought and cemented their approval and endorsement into its four corners. What should come now is world-wide momentum. Action. Who will help along these lines?—*Reader—will you?*

There is something which few of us realize, and that is—the existence of two Bibles—the material and the Spiritual. The paper, ink, printing and binding is the one, and the word of God is the other. If your Faith was perfect you would know that there is a spiritual atmosphere around the Bible. We accept it as the word of God, but treat it the same as any other book—leave it anywhere and pile other books, or anything else, on top of it. We see only one Bible and not the other. The writer's mother taught him the sacredness of God's Word when he was a little fellow, and during his life he can say that he has treated the Bible, the book itself, with veneration and respect and has never suffered, or allowed anything to be placed on it, other than a prayer book or hymn book. The children of Israel, thousands of years ago, made the Ark of the Covenant in which were placed the two

tablets of stone, and this Ark was kept in the "holy of holies," and now after all these centuries of Christianity, martyrdom for Faith, and tremendous efforts made for the salvation of man, we take the Word of God and carelessly throw it anywhere. There is no holy of holies for it, and unfortunately in many homes if anyone asked where the Bible was, they would have to hunt the house over to find it. This is not consistent with belief in God, or belief that the Bible is the Word of God. There should be a sanctuary for this precious "Word" in every home where every member of the family will know where to go to find the Bible.

It will be found where it belongs, on the altar of the Most High God. You will touch it more reverently. You will read it more frequently, and you will learn truths that you never dreamed of; truths that in sickness and health, in reverses and prosperity will lift you out of the flesh and ye shall walk with God himself. How often have you read the injunction, "Search ye the scriptures," and how little searching we really do. There are thousands of people who have studied the poets and philosophers and who can quote freely from their writings—who never miss the "best fiction," but who have never read the Bible through. It is incredible that the Word of God should be the most widely circulated but the least read and the least understood book in the world today. If you ask the average person to take up his or her Bible and turn to almost any book in the Old or New Testament, excepting Genesis or the four gospels, you will notice that they have considerable difficulty in finding it, instead of being able to turn to it at once. Why? The answer is, unfamiliarity with the Bible. These are truths which man must also realize, because every moment he delays in taking up his Bible and studying it carefully, searching for the great truths waiting to be revealed to him, he is casting away opportunities

to draw closer to God, which may never come to him again. There should be a more intimate relation between man and the Bible. It is the book of his salvation and should mean more to him than a mere history. The Bible should be recognized for what it really is, the Word of God, and a consecrated spot provided for it in every home.

Religious revivals have educated the masses in great Bible truths, and have accomplished much, but they have failed to bring the world to God. They have brought millions to the throne of Grace, but there are countless millions to be saved. The regeneration of mankind must begin in the home, in every home, with the child. Then shall we reach the world. Everything must begin there and the home sanctuary is a foundation upon which the superstructure of a new God-loving people may be built, until we become partakers of His divine nature.

The condition of the world today is such that we need continuous and not spasmodic revivals. Though all humanity is hungering for religion, it is drifting away from it, and one of the principal reasons for it is "*modern religious skepticism.*" Faith is at its lowest ebb. New and up-to-date theology is the vogue. Human reason is supplanting Faith. Unless we return to Faith, what hope is there for the world? "Abraham believed in God and it was counted unto him for righteousness." The call today is for leaders like Paul and the other apostles, for men who are ready to hazard their lives for Faith.

"The Fool hath said in his heart: There is no God. They are corrupt; they have done abominable works; there is none that doeth good.

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God."—Psalms 14: v. 1-2.

And He is looking down on us today just the same as He did in the time of David. Man has a greater advantage today, for he has the Bible, both dispensations, the old and the new, the prophecies and the fulfilments of many. In the time of David the test of Faith was greater than now, for Jesus had not come and His teachings and revealments were not known.

The Bible is the only book in the world that can satisfy the soul as well as the mind. Those in affliction and tribulation go to it, and drink deep of its waters, with a passionate longing for a touch of the Saviour's hand; but when the affliction is lifted and ease comes once more, many fall back. Though there are healthy believers as well as sick ones in the present state of religious indifference, the "intimate relation" seems only to come in the hour of trouble, and the sanctuary in the home is where to take it, the holy spot where not only the tears can be dried and the soul comforted, but where we can be born again as the faithful children of God.

A noble army of martyrs gave up their lives for the teachings of Christ. Contrast with them those who today either argue against the Bible and its teachings, or who neither argue against nor follow. A pathetic figure in the world is the disbeliever, but the real abomination is the believer who wilfully and deliberately shows disrespect to his God, no matter how he does it. That man is more dangerous than the disbeliever. A disbeliever is like a leopard, known by his spots, but the other is a whitened sepulcher. The disbeliever only expects to become carrion when he dies, but the other expects salvation. Between the two the disbeliever is the more honorable body.

The absence of religion in the home—in the teachings of the parent, is not overcome by the churches and Sunday Schools. Unless the foundation in the child is on the rock of parental faith, exemplified by life in the home, he is destined to become either a dis-

believer or an apathetic Christian. What would a chapel in the home mean in the life of a child. The home is not only the foundation of the State, but everything begins there—Mother love and God love. Every father is the priest of his house and every mother the priestess.

If this appeal had been for a new kind of library, sleeping room or other material improvement for the mental or physical comfort of man, it would have been exploited by the press, talked of by the world, and adopted generally long ago. The years have gone by and it is still knocking at the door of the world. *Who will open it?*

This message came like the morning star, pure and serene, and the bearer's eyes are cast upward to his Maker, and not on mankind, as he writes it. He is seeking guidance and direction, so that the message will sink into the heart of man, that he may enjoy all the good, ennobling, and uplifting influence which it offers. Hear what the Word of God has to say on the chapel in the home:

“The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.”—Exodus 15: v. 2.

“And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”—Exodus 19: v. 6.

“Thus saith the Lord, The Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?”—Isaiah 66: v. 1.

“A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.”—Jeremiah 17: v. 12.

“As David sware unto the Lord ‘Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house nor

go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.' ”—Psalms 132: v. 2-5.

“For the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God.”—1 Chronicles 29: v. 1.

“That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

“And hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive.”—1 Kings 8: v. 29-30.

“Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remaineth under curtains.”—1 Chronicles 17: v. 1.

“O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.”—1 Chronicles 11: v. 16.

“Thus saith the Lord God: Although I have cast them afar off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.”—Ezekiel 11: v. 16.

“My tabernacle also shall be with them; yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

“And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.”—Ezekiel 37: v. 27-28.

“Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that

they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

“In mine ears said the Lord of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.”—Isaiah 4: v. 8-9.

“And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.”—Job 5: v. 24.

“For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.”—Psalms 27: v. 5.

“Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.”—Psalms 93: v. 5.

“Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.”—Psalms 122: v. 9.

“Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.”—Psalms 134: v. 1-2.

“Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.”—Psalms 150: v. 1.

“But continue thou in the things thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ.”—II Timothy 3: v. 14-15.

Visions of the abandonment of all pleasures, joy and gladness, will be conjured up by the Prince of Darkness, in order to set man against the chapel in the home. He will cause the human mind to picture long, solemn-faced heads of families, whose very pres-

ence is calculated to crush all the joy and sunshine out of young life. This powerful Prince of Darkness, who exercises such a strong influence over the weak, is a master in suggesting to the human mind the horror and desolation of being good. Defy this power and praise the Lord. If you want sparkling, radiant joy and happiness in your home, consecrate a little chapel in it. Sing, be glad, and feast as much as ye ever did, but there will be a place for a prayer and a time for it. The time is approaching when a house without a sanctuary will be no better than a stable, and a house with a sanctuary, though only one story high, will be greater than the palace without one. You have read what the Scriptures say about the habitation for Almighty God. It is not a question of "How can we deny it, but how quickly we can enter into our own sanctuary and weep over our neglect?"

Then what are those people going to do who have absolutely no room for a chapel or sanctuary in their homes? Are they to be condemned? That has already been answered. Physical impossibility is a barrier which time and circumstances alone can remove, and until that time, if they believe, their sanctuary is in their heart.

Custom has made religion too much of a Sabbath observance and not enough of a daily one, and even then it is a real effort for some people to go to church. If they can get out of it by any reasonable means, satisfying to their conscience, they will do so. Some people look upon going to church as a plain duty and nothing more, and they fulfill it patiently and faithfully. Such a condition of mind is not religion. Religion is a worship of the Almighty God, a genuine pouring forth of the soul and heart in supplication for ourselves and for others, but it must spring from the soul with spontaneity and Faith, and that sense of duty referred to must be as far away as the poles. Often the human heart is filled with agony and wants

some place where it can pour it forth; and what a help is the "sanctuary" in the home in such a moment. The very word *sanctuary* is a haven in itself, into which we can take our ship in the storms of life, and there under the lee, protected from the hurricane and the mighty sea, we can take on a new Pilot—Jesus of Nazareth—and place our ship in His hands. He stilled the waters of Galilee and He can still the troubled waters of our soul.

The human desire is to pray in secret, and therefore a little chapel to steal into and fall on one's knees and open our hearts, is a joy that must ultimately be carried into every home. The progress will be slow until the world awakens some morning to the real value of this blessed thought. When that time comes meetings and conventions will be held, and the mighty men will rise up and speak for its adoption with the eloquence of David. No longer will there be one solitary human being searching his heart and soul for words to try to give to the world the message. So great has the message always appeared to him that he would write it in great letters across the sky, "Let there be a Chapel in Every Home," so that all men, women and children every time they looked upward would see it.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places.

"All these are the beginnings of sorrows.

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, stand in the *holy place*, (whoso readeth, let him understand).”—Matthew 24: v. 6-15.

“Stand in the holy place!” Jesus spake these words, and if the end came today, what holy place would we stand in? If all the churches were filled to their capacity they would not hold one-tenth of us. But with a sanctuary in every home, we could stand in the *holy place* and await the will of Almighty God.

The chapel in the home is not a luxury; it is a necessity. It belongs in the home of the lowly as well as the mighty; in every home. To architects then, this appeal is presented, to take the initiative, when called upon to make drawings for a home of any kind, and to include the chapel. The larger the home, the larger the chapel, but a chapel in every home.

The fires of the thought of “A Chapel in Every Home” have been smouldering for a long time. Soon they will burst into a conflagration of adoption which will sweep the world; not for the aesthetic addition of bricks, mortar and plaster to our dwellings, but for the *holy place* in which we can stand when the last trumpet shall sound, the *holy place*, God’s sanctuary.

The night is coming. Let us not delay in accepting the opportunity to participate in this glorious movement for the making of a better world; a new influence on child life, which shall make him a better man; a new personal bond between ourselves and our Creator, and a universal recognition of the necessity of “a closer walk with God” in our daily life.

Let every man who believes extend an invitation to the Father to come and dwell with him and his household by preparing for Him a habitation.

Start not and say "My home is too small, every room is occupied." Accept the thought in your hearts, the rest will come. God will take care of those who have it only in the heart, and would do if they could.

The solution of the world's unrest can only, and eventually must come, through religion. There are many nationalities but only one God. The various conceptions of His powers and limitations issuing out of the different creeds and denominations will be merged through Faith into one belief when the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall overspread the world, and *capital* and *labor* work together forever in harmony. The foundation of the unity of all religions is in the home, and the "*holy place*" in the house will be the preparation for it.

Then let us adopt as one people and for all time the obligation to Almighty God to set apart wherever possible in every dwelling now erected, and to include in every dwelling, whether it be house, tenement, apartment or institution, hereafter erected, and wheresoever located, one room, small or large, as circumstances may permit, disassociated with the worldly things of this life, and specially dedicated and consecrated to Him as "the Chapel in the Home."

CHAPTER II.

ITS ORIGIN

The presentation of the suggestion of "A Chapel in Every Home" has been referred to repeatedly by the writer as a "*message*" to humanity, implying a Divine origin. These are the facts surrounding its inception:

As a young man he deeply regretted the limitations of his ability to help his fellow man. He could give him personal service, pray with him and hope for him, but little else. Sickness and unhappiness seemed to surround him on all sides, and as he grew nearer and closer to his Maker he commenced to pray that God would make him His *agent* to help humanity. He had no idea what way He could or would use him, but for ten years, night and morning, he made the same earnest plea to the Almighty God to make him His *agent*. He knew no better word than that, and he used it every time he prayed. The months and years passed but he never felt discouraged. He kept on offering himself and pleading for the world, and lo! after years of supplication, God answered his prayer. One blessed Sabbath morning He made him the bearer of this message to all the world, "Let there be a Chapel in Every Home."

It was so exalting that he could scarcely believe that God had selected him to give this message to humanity. It was the most direct and marvelous answer to prayer.

What a wonderful Sabbath morn that was. "A Chapel in Every Home!" He felt like going on to the street and shouting out the message to the world, with a feeling that it would be transmitted instantaneously to every part of it.

He had the message. How should he deliver it? The five words told the whole story. There was so

little to write about that it would not make up a book. The first thing he did, however, was to reduce the elaborating thoughts as they came to him, to writing, and after he had completed the manuscript he had it set up in type and sent it to every member of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, who as far as the message was concerned, were opportunely attending the General Conference in Washington, D. C. This was in 1898. At the same time he sent a copy to the Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Church in Great Britain, also to several well known ministers of different denominations in the United States. The harvest was small but rich. About five per cent. of the House of Bishops acknowledged it and about two per cent. of the Anglican Bishops, but their responses were of such a character as to indicate that the thought of "A Chapel in Every Home" was something that the world was waiting for.

The most responsive acknowledgment came from the late George Dana Boardman, D. D., LL. D., for thirty years pastor of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, which has already been quoted. His imperishable words gave the bearer of this message courage and happiness. He now had the message and comments on it by distinguished churchmen. The next thing was to publish it. He took it to one of the foremost newspapers in Philadelphia, filled with exaltation over what he was offering. The City Editor, whom he knew personally, read it through carefully, and handed it back to him with the comment:

"It has no news value; we cannot use it."

The same day he called on the Editor of another large daily paper and he showed immediate interest.

"What do you want for the article?" he asked.

"Its publication," was the reply.

"Very well," he said, "we will give it half a page and illustrate it. It will come out in two weeks," and it did.

The writer then went over to New York and called on the City Editor of *The New York Herald*. He was kind but skeptical—not of the value of the thought—but of the world. He read the article and also the original comments from the Bishops and other churchmen. Finally he agreed to publish it with its endorsements, and simultaneously, on the thirtieth day of October, 1898, the message of "A Chapel in Every Home" went out to the world through *The New York Herald* and *The Philadelphia Press*. The writer expected to see the newspapers around the globe take up the thought and from that time on people everywhere begin to make plans for chapels in their homes, but the articles in the *Herald* and *Press* were the Alpha and Omega. It was a painful surprise. The message had been published, however, with the views on it by Bishops and other churchmen, and he bought a large number of both papers for distribution.

The article published in *The Philadelphia Press* and *The New York Herald* follows:

"A CHAPEL IN EVERY HOME."

The New York Herald and Philadelphia Press, October 30th, 1898.

"A religious atmosphere is so essential to a true home that it is strange the thought of incorporating a small chapel in every house has not presented itself before this to the Christian world.

"In most American homes a room no larger than a bathroom would answer all requirements. Its sacred character could be imparted by a colored glass window, tiny altar, *prie dieu* and other religious emblems, in consonance with the views of individual worshippers.

"It is quite probable that the existence of a spot thus hallowed in every house would have a decidedly

beneficial effect on the inmates, for there are times when, either in trouble or sickness, the heart longs for communion with God in some quiet chamber, from which the garish light of day has been excluded.

“With a room specially created for this purpose, dedicated to worship and flooded with a tender atmosphere, breathing of sacredness and tranquillity, a yearning would be satisfied and a custom established that would find many sympathizers.

“The nearest approach to this is perhaps found in the homes of devout Christians who have dedicated a corner of their bedrooms to worship, and placed there the symbols of their faith, before which they kneel while offering up their orisons.

“Up to the present day a chapel in connection with the households of private individuals has been confined exclusively to those born to high estate or to the wealthy.

“In England and on the Continent, each royal residence has its chapel, in some instances dating back centuries, and many members of the nobility and landed gentry have copied the example and erected within their castle walls or on their large estates private chapels for the exclusive use of the members of the family and the tenantry.

“The idea, which dates back to the medieval ages, has also impressed itself upon a small percentage of those who have amassed or inherited wealth, and there are instances, both in this country and abroad, where in the construction of the modern palatial residence, as much attention has been paid to the chapel as to the art gallery.

“Colleges, universities, large private schools, hospitals and like institutions may be cited as a half-way step between the church and the private dwelling. They afford an illustration of the advantages derived from having a private place for worship in connection with each institution. The addition of a private chapel gives a fullness and completeness to the institution, affording a religious influence essential to the realization of its noblest objects.

“But to go back to the idea of a chapel for every house, apart from its usefulness in providing a special chamber for spiritual communion, it would mean the introduction of an entirely new atmosphere in a household, and distill a purity and dignity unobtainable from any other source. It could be made a little temple into which one could retire at any time and feel as far removed from the sordid interests of life as in the precincts of the church.

“Further, it would be a universal acknowledgment of the supreme value of religion in the activities of every day existence.

“With such a foundation to build on, one need not go very far out of his way to make the suggestion an accomplished fact and become the possessor of a private chapel of more or less beauty or simplicity for the use of his household.

“As with every radical innovation of sweeping character, it is not only necessary to prove its value, but to find some vulnerable point of the armor of old-established custom and tradition through which the shaft of light can pass. The history of most innovations will show that they were first praised, then opposed and condemned and finally accepted by all.

“In this instance the question resolves itself into one of appeal to those whose condition of enlightenment makes them amenable to that which would elevate and ennoble; in other words, bring religion closer to them by establishing a private place of worship in their house.

“At first thought, it would almost appear that such a suggestion was intended to interfere with the prerogatives of the Church by inviting people to worship at home instead of congregating together in larger edifices.

“On the contrary, the suggestion of a chapel in every house is intended to strengthen the love for religious worship by providing a link between home and church, in which the teachings of the Sabbath may be digested throughout the week days, and continually suggested by the presence of sacred symbols.

“Add to this the absolute necessity of a place for worship for those who are confined to the house by

sickness, and for the early association of little lives with the sentiment and atmosphere of religion.

“The reality of such surroundings could not fail to have an impressive effect, and it is reasonable to suppose that it would aid the young in concentrating their minds upon the prayer or hymn selected for the morning or evening devotional exercises. In this home chapel children could be trained from early infancy.

“But the allurements of such a retreat are so manifold that the subject opens the way to a volume of reasons why a private chapel should exist in every household, whereas it is the intention of the writer to simply suggest such an innovation.

“A practical beginning could be made in this direction in the many new building operations now going on and being formulated. Plans could be altered so as to include a small chapel, and it is to be hoped the day is not far distant when house seekers will not be satisfied with any house unless one room, no matter how small, is specially constructed for private worship.”

With the aid of the different church almanacs he was enabled to find the addresses and to send copies of this article to every Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and to every Archbishop and Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in America, and also to the Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Church, with a personal letter. They would have been sent to leading churchmen in countries where the English language was not spoken, only the barrier of language confronted him, and the absence of all reference books of the names of the clergy in nations of other tongues than his own. There was also the additional question of expense.

The responses from the proof of this article, and later from its publication, though few in number, were rich in encouragement, and are published chronologically in the order received:

THE FIRST ENDORSERS.

The Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, Bishop of New York:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is admirable and most timely. We are losing the habit which was so powerful an element in the life of our fathers, of domestic devotion. A place for it implies a time for it, and a devotional atmosphere recalls, sobers and uplifts. In creating such an atmosphere, fit environment is a most important factor.”

The Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of Delaware:

“The subject upon which I have been asked to write—‘A Chapel in Every Home’—is one in regard to which I have always felt much interest and anxiety. I have always felt this great interest because the matter is one of such vital concern to all the families of the land. Hardly anything, indeed, is more a matter of vital concern. It has to do with our most intimate relations with God, and with one another. Family prayer is one of the three great divisions of Prayer—Private, Family and Public. Negligence concerning it in any one of these parts is sure to entail great spiritual loss.

“My anxiety arises from a belief that there is a widespread neglect of family worship. In this respect there has been, I fear, a marked decadence during the past few years. Anything, therefore, that will to any degree conduce to a better observance of this duty, as I esteem it, has my warmest sympathy. It is as believing that the reservation in every home of an apartment, or the erection in connection with every home of a chapel, where family worship may be regularly held is a distinct gain in this direction that I would advocate such an arrangement with all my heart. Having at my residence at Wilmington such a chapel, I can write all the more emphatically of the many advantages belonging to such a building. The setting apart of some particular edifice, or portion of edifice, for this purpose is a distinct addition to the spiritual

power of every household and to the religious education of every member thereof.

“I am writing in the midst of exacting duties at our General Convention, and, therefore, can by no means do justice to this most important and interesting subject of whose public presentation I am very glad to hear.”

The Right Rev. John Scarborough, Bishop of New Jersey:

“‘The Church in the House’ is as old as the New Testament and is not unknown in this day. I know a good many homes that are now supplied with ‘Oratories,’ or places of prayer for the family. If all homes could have such a room set apart, it would be most desirable. But, of course, only the homes of the well-to-do could be so enriched. The homes of the poor are too often crowded and cramped. Where it is possible, it would be most desirable that the proposition of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ should be carried out.”

The Right Rev. H. A. Neely, Bishop of Maine:

“I can think of no more wholesome provision for any Christian household than that of a Chapel in the house. Many considerations could be urged for it, of which I name but one, *viz.*, that it would go far to assure the maintenance of family worship, which I fear is becoming sadly neglected among us.”

The Right Rev. Anson R. Graves, Bishop of Laramie:

“The idea of a Chapel in each home is a beautiful and practical one, and I trust the article may result in starting a movement in that direction.”

The Right Rev. T. U. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have read the article with great interest. I hope that you will continue to write on the same lines, because I am per-

sueded that you will receive help to revive what is, I fear, an almost lost habit—that of family prayer.”

The Right Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island:

“I think it would be well, whenever it is practicable, that there should be a room in every home especially consecrated to the purposes of private and family worship. I enclose an article which I have recently published which may serve to indicate my views in regard to the prevailing neglect of family devotions, and I am too feeble at present to say anything further:

“A HOUSEHOLD WITHOUT GOD.

“By the Bishop of Rhode Island.

“In this nominally Christian land there are very many households in which there is never any outward recognition of the existence of a God. In the morning the father goes off to his business or his pleasures, the children are sent to school, the mother goes on with her household duties, and at night they all retire to their rest—while in the meantime no word of Scripture has been read, no word of prayer spoken, no allusion made to the Gospel of Christ, or the fact of an eternal hereafter. When the Saviour was on earth, He consorted with all sorts and conditions of men and not unfrequently was the guest of those who had no sympathy with Him or His mission. If He should now return to us in person He might possibly find shelter under the roof of such a godless family as we have described. As the shadows of evening descend, we can imagine Him sitting in the midst of the household circle and saying to them: ‘My friends, you must know that I came into the world to die, in order that you might be saved from sin and death. Are you not conscious of anything wrong in your conduct which needs to be forgiven? Do you never feel the need of the great blessings which it is in my power to give you? You are very solicitous for the temporal welfare of your children—have you no care for their spiritual wants? Are you willing to expose them to

the terrible temptations of such a world as this, without directing them to the only Being who can protect and shelter them from harm? Do you never think what awaits you in the future? All may be very bright and cheerful today, but sooner or later the clouds will gather and darkness enshroud your dwelling. There may be a vacant seat here, and one familiar voice which in the past has made your home so cheerful will be no more on earth.

“‘Sooner or later the time will come when each of you will be called to go down into the dark valley and take that last dread journey which every one must travel alone, and unless you have Me for your friend, who is to welcome you when you reach the eternal world?’”

“‘It is possible that these are the terms in which the Saviour might address you; and if He is not in all your thoughts, if you never pray to Him, never confess your sins to Him, and never thank Him for His mercies, you are living without God in the world; and this is to be without hope at the time when you will be in greatest need of help.’”

The Right Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, of Missouri, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States:

“‘The Church and the State both depend for vigor and stability upon the home. Anything, therefore, emphasizing the vital connection between the ‘Church’ and the ‘Home,’ as a ‘Chapel’ does, is of value.’”

The Bishop of Newcastle, England:

“‘I think it would be an excellent thing if, wherever practicable, a small Oratory (call it what you will) could be set apart in every house for family worship and where any member of the household might not be ashamed to pray. In England we have chapels attached to many large houses, and to residences of Bishops almost without exception, and I cannot say how much I value my own.’”

The Right Rev. William F. Nichols, Bishop of California:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ An American home may mean a mere dwelling. The inmates may have a common table, common night keys and up to a certain extent common bills. In such a home a chapel would probably be somewhat like family plate, kept in safety deposit vaults—for use only on great occasions. But in what I believe is the far more typical American home, where the hearth stone is cemented and sanctified by religion, a place set apart simple and sacredly, would tend to make some member of the family resolute, and that oftentimes is what is needed in a Christian family—to sweeten the daily life with at least a few devotional words from the family as a whole, blessing the joys and soothing the trials as they come. With the provision of such a spot in the architecture for a Christian home there might well go the custom, which I have ever found welcomed in California, of having a special service of benediction about the time of the opening of a new Home.”

The Right Rev. G. Worthington, Bishop of Nebraska:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Over thirteen years ago I built my present residence in this city and arranged for an Oratory which is sufficiently large, not only for the daily offices which are said there, but for special Episcopal sets as occasion requires. It has not alone been a great convenience to one in my position, but it has been in many ways a blessing to those who are members of my household.

“I doubt not that a special place for prayer and praise, and consecrated by the daily use of the family under the direction of the head of the house, who is divinely appointed as Priest in the home, would bring a sweet benediction to those who desire communion with God, and believe in His promise that ‘where two or three are met together in My name there am I in the midst of them.’ ”

The Bishop of Rochester, England:

“The suggestion, is I think, excellent and not least in a country where house building is such an art as it is in yours. The value of a thing of the kind, will, of course, depend on the spirit in which it is done. To make a toy of it would be far worse than not to have it at all. But to give some visible expression to what should be the sacred center of every home life must, according to every principle, be right. In this connection, I was struck by the saying of a medical friend who told me he was conscious that he could give an opinion better and more effectively in his consulting room than elsewhere.”

The Right Rev. Leigh R. Brewer, Bishop of Montana:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is deserving of serious consideration. It would add to the sanctity of the home, deepen the religious life and be a safeguard against irreverence and wrong doing in the family.”

The Rev. George Dana Boardman, D. D., LL. D., for thirty years pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Philadelphia:

“The idea of a ‘Chapel for Every House’ is exceedingly happy. Were the idea carried out, it would tend to make every home a sacred establishment; it would make worship a daily privilege instead of a weekly; it would make worship more intensely personal; it would help us to obey our Master’s precept of unostentation in worship, ‘When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who sees in secret.’ If pagan Rome had domestic shrines for household gods, surely Christian America ought to have domestic shrines for the one God.”

CHAPTER III.

ITS RECEPTION

Against these responses stood out the silence of the many, to whom the writer had sent the article and letter. What did they think? Why did they stand mute? He had no way of knowing. It was not what he had expected. There were no outpourings of praise to Almighty God, for the great message. No generous offers to help from all denominations to propagate it throughout the world; *no bonfires were lighted throughout the land to "wave the answer back to Heaven."* The world went on as before.

In vain the writer waited to hear from others; waited patiently and hopefully, shutting out of his heart the resentment which arose against the indifference of the "many." "In your patience possess ye your souls."—St. Luke 21: v. 19. He began to analyze his presentation for defects. The spirit of hopefulness which had carried him on became more subdued. Each day he asked God for guidance and direction, but no impelling influence stirred him to further publication other than by correspondence and discussions on the subject, which were of daily occurrence. Almost every one with whom he talked, took the negative side. They admitted the thought to be a beautiful idea, totally impossible of performance, principally on account of physical conditions. Few, indeed, recognized it as an obligation to Almighty God, but dealt with it strictly as a physical proposition depending upon convenience. So usual was it for his hearers to begin immediately along these lines, that he invariably knew by the expression of the face what was coming before there was a single utterance. Despite his dependence on Divine guidance, there were times when he became impatient and greatly troubled in spirit, particularly on the Sab-

bath day, when ministers with whom he had conversed, made no allusion to the subject in their sermons. He would sit in church with upturned eyes, waiting for some word to come from the pulpit; but alas! it never came.

And so years rolled by, until 1909. This year all the exaltation which the writer felt in 1898, when the message first came to him, returned. The time had come to move forward. The period of inactivity was over. The world should receive the message again, this time in book form, reinforced by the words of those who wiser than their generation, had recognized its value to humanity.

The plans for this book were long prayed over. The first decision of the writer was to publish it at his own expense for free distribution to the world, which happily he was able to do. It was a folio volume 9x12 inches, bound in black cloth and stamped across the cover in gold, "A Chapel in Every Home." It contained the original presentation of the message and a new one addressed: "To All Who Worship God, Irrespective of Creed or Denomination." In it were fac-simile reproductions of the letters which have already appeared in this book, from the eleven Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, two from Anglican Bishops, and the letter from the Rev. George Dana Boardman.

On October 1, 1909, the book commenced its journey to Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and throughout the United States and Canada, to Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, prominent ministers of the leading denominations, college presidents and distinguished laymen, accompanied by the following letter:

"Under separate cover there has been mailed to you a copy of a booklet entitled 'A Chapel in Every Home.'

"The title really conveys the whole thought: It is a suggestion that in every home there should

be a place for prayer or meditation; a family center for spiritual thought, communion and uplift.

“The home and family is the cornerstone on which rests national life and progress. Is it not so? Then any effectual means of strengthening and uplifting home life, of deepening the religious and moral convictions and purity which are the very essence of home life, must have vital effect upon the national life of the human family as a whole.

“The writer believes that this phase of the thought that suggested ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ may appeal to you, and asks that you give the booklet a perusal for the purpose of such comment, critical or commendatory, as your judgment may dictate.

“There is nothing commercial in the publication. It has been printed at the personal expense of the writer, for distribution among churchmen, public officials and publicists, for no other purpose than as a contribution to the general betterment of humanity.”

The harvest from this appeal was a bountiful one. Nothing could be more eloquent than the responses. In 1912 a supplement to “A Chapel in Every Home” was published, and in 1913 another little book entitled “An Appeal to All the World for a Chapel in Every Home,” and the responses from all appeals are herewith given. They are not simply endorsements of the message—they are part of it, and must be read into its woof and fibre. They present new, inspired and enriching arguments, glorifying God in their earnestness and striking wonderful chords of harmony in this message that shall ultimately bring to every home a benediction, which in the words of Bishop Spellmeyer will “soon bring the world to Christ, and Christ back to the world.”

Ordinarily the endorsements of a book follow its publication. “A Chapel in Every Home” is not a

book, however, in the ordinary sense of the word. It is a movement that has been going on for twenty-four years, and the opinions received in that time are not on its literary merit, or on the personal presentation of the views of the writer of this book, but on the value of the thought which he presents. The five words express it in its entirety—“*a chapel in every home.*”

HOW THE WORLD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE.

The vision of the millennium itself seems to glow in the prophecies of what the realization of "A Chapel in Every Home" means to those who have written on the subject. Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Congregationalist, Episcopalian, Hebrew, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvationist, college president, lawyer and captains of industry. Their views follow:

His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell, Boston, Mass.:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' I stand for the principle which you assert; that is, family prayer and the sacredness of the home. Those who can put aside a small room as an oratory would soon realize in its possession what they have missed without it. I hope that the movement you are setting on foot will bring good results."

His Eminence Cardinal Falconio, Washington, D. C., Apostolic Delegate to the United States:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' Your project has my warmest sympathy. Indeed there was a time when, I believe, there was not a single Christian family which did not have either a regular Chapel or a Cross—the sign of our Redemption—or a Sacred Image in some part of the house, apt to elevate the mind to the contemplation of God and His Divine Attributes, and to excite the heart to sentiments of love and veneration for God's boundless goodness and His Holy Laws. This pious custom is general even now amongst our Catholic people. Almost general also is the pious practice of Catholic families to kneel down in prayer either in common or separately at night before going to rest. May God grant that this religious practice may continue and become universal in every Christian family not only for the welfare of the home but also of the Nation of which the family is the natural basis."

His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, Md.:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The Catholic Church has always recommended most strongly the beautiful practice of family prayer in common as one of the best means for the preservation of religion and purity in the home, and the faithful are always exhorted to have in their home a little oratory around which the family could gather to offer up their prayers to God.”

The Most Rev. William Alexander, Archbishop, Primate of all Ireland and Metropolitan:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home,’ I think that a special place for prayer and meditation is a great help in the spiritual life, a center for religious and moral strength and uplift in the home.”

The Most Rev. Walter John Forbes Robberds, Archbishop and Primus of all Scotland:

“I can only say from personal experience that it is a real help to the religious life of the family and to one’s own, to have an oratory or chapel in one’s home.”

The Most Rev. John Baptist Crozier, Archbishop, Primate of all Ireland and Metropolitan. Transferred 1911 from the Bishopric of Down, Connor and Dromore, as successor to the late Most Rev. William Alexander, D. D.:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ reached me at a time when I was greatly regretting the absence of a Private Chapel at the See House—Culloden. Your letter was the deciding weight in the scales and I hope, please God, to dedicate a private chapel for all time, which we have built at a cost of £300, generously provided for me and my successors in this Bishopric.”

The Most Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, Primate of all Canada:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have read it with deep interest and after doing so I feel that you are conferring a great benefit on the Christian world by its publication. To indicate to you what is my own conviction on the question I venture simply to say this: In a recent visit to Eastern Canada I was asked to address a mass meeting in connection with a conference for the deepening of spiritual life. I took as my theme what I considered to be ‘the weak spot’ in our modern Christian life and effort, and I had no hesitation in putting down as the weak spot ‘*the want of religion in the Home life.*’ Religion in our day is transferred too much *away from* and not *to* the home. The sacred prerogative of father and mother in the training of the family is being abrogated and relegated to persons *outside* the home. The consequence is, that notwithstanding all the richness of modern Christian effort, notwithstanding the manifold activities of all the Churches, results are not encouraging and are certainly not commensurate with the efforts put forth. The weakness is, I believe, to be found at the springs from which the units which make up our communities flow, *viz.*, the homes. Your endeavor is to improve conditions. In this respect, to make ‘Bethels in our Christian homes.’ May God bless this endeavor and crown it with the success it so richly deserves.”

The Most Rev. Reginald Stephen Copleston, Primate and Metropolitan of India and Ceylon:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is a valuable suggestion, and well put, and I hope by God’s blessings it will help many.”

The Most Rev. Enos Nuttall, Archbishop and Primate of West Indies:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have endeavored

in various ways to bring the suggestion to the notice of our Church people here, and I hope that these efforts will, at least in some cases, have a satisfactory result."

The Most Rev. St. Clair George Alfred Donaldson, Archbishop of Brisbin and Metropolitan of Queensland, Australia :

"I am a great believer in the practice of separating a room in our private houses for the purpose of prayer and meditation. I am sure it makes for a deeper spiritual life and for that which is so difficult to maintain in these busy days."

The Most Rev. John Ireland, Archbishop of St. Paul:

"The idea of a chapel in every home is beautiful—most Christian-like and worthy of the earnest attention of all those who have at heart the Christian life of the home. I have shown your booklet to several clergymen and they are all enchanted with it. As occasion may offer I shall strive to recommend effectively the idea of 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I hope that it will find many faithful adherents."

The Most Rev. William Oldfield Burrows, Archbishop of Capetown and Metropolitan of South Africa :

"I am desired by the Archbishop of Capetown to acknowledge receipt of your book 'A Chapel in Every Home,' to convey to you his sense of the value of the suggestion you advocate."

The Most Rev. James Edward Quigley, Archbishop of Chicago :

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Needless to say, I

am with you, heart and soul, in this very excellent mission which you have taken upon yourself, and I will do all I can to encourage amongst our people, rich and poor, the revival of this ancient Catholic custom."

The Most Rev. John J. Keane, Archbishop of Dubuque:

"May God prosper your endeavor that there be a little sanctuary of prayer in every home. And may the spirit of prayer, thus fostered in all hearts, draw all souls closer to Jesus our Saviour and to our Father in Heaven."

General William Booth, Founder and Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army, by Colonel Theodore Kitchens, International Headquarters, The Salvation Army, London, Eng.:

"General Booth desires me to acknowledge his receipt of your letter, together with booklet 'A Chapel in Every Home,' accompanying same. He is fully alive to the importance of the suggestion therein made, indeed, it has his warm approval."

Ballington Booth, President of the Volunteers of America:

"Permit me to add the testimony of my unfeigned faith in the power and influence of a Chapel in the home. For years I have been a strong advocate and a tenacious supporter of some chamber, however small, in which we can meet and receive the benediction of God and the inspiration of the Christ-spirit. The library is all right for the *mind* but we need a sanetum for the *heart*. 'The Chapel in the Home' will cultivate heartology, and that is more needed and momentous than brainology."

BISHOPS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Right Rev. William Andrew Leonard, Bishop of Ohio:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea involved, and the practical obligation of the same, is something very impressive, and ought to result in what your earnest soul desires, and I sincerely trust that this endeavor will be blest of the Heavenly Father.”

The Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is a most worthy contribution to the spiritual uplift of the Nation.”

The Right Rev. Lewis William Burton, Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea is adequately presented. I have long wished for something that might pass as a chapel in the Episcopal Residence. I feel the need of it more, now that my children have grown up. The ordinary living rooms of the house are associated with social pleasures and suggest ordinarily no sacred association. You give us an ideal to cherish, *viz.*, the possession of some place or spot sacred and associated with family and personal devotions and a trysting place with the Lord. I agree that family prayers are somewhat disused for lack of it; and perhaps the lack of it has made it easier for many families to give up home. Home has not meant much to them; and therefore they are ready to try to find a substitute for it in the apartment house, in the hotel or in the boarding-house. I earnestly pray that God may bless this effort for the promotion of household religion and the preservation of the highest types of Anglo-Saxon home life.”

The Right Rev. Frederic William Keator, Bishop of Olympia:

“ ‘A Chapel in every Home.’ Surely, ‘’tis a consummation devoutly to be wished,’ as a source of power and uplift, as a center of rest and comfort which in these busy days of restless living are so lacking.

“I pray that God’s blessing may rest upon this effort to the end that He may be better known and more truly served everywhere.”

The Right Rev. Charles Scadding, Bishop of Oregon:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Truly it is ‘a consummation devoutly to be wished’ that in every Christian home there might be some quiet, retired place for family prayer, and individual intercession and meditation; and I heartily commend your earnest efforts to bring this about. In the plan for a Bishop’s house which I hope soon to build there is a place for an Oratory where the daily offices can be said, and for special Episcopal acts as occasion may require, but for the present a corner of my study has to serve, and has become a veritable sanctuary.

“Praying that God may abundantly bless this project.”

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Seymour Thomas, Bishop of Wyoming:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I know no more natural expression of the worldliness of this day and generation than the seeming abandonment of the pious habit and goodly practice of family prayers. I would to God that your efforts might serve to help restore this ancient and Christian habit in every home.”

The Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, Bishop of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

“Your sentiments about a place of prayer in every home are shared by very many more Christian people than find it practicable to carry their wishes into effect. For myself, in common with many, if not all Bishops, I have and have always had an Oratory in my

house for family prayers and occasional family Communion Service. It is worth considering by Christian people that in the majority of professedly Christian homes there is absolutely no sign of our holy religion visible, while in a heathen country, every house has its shrine, and its household devotions."

The Right Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, Bishop of Connecticut:

"Certainly it would be a pleasure if there might be a place in every house, however small, which should be a sacred shrine. It would hallow the whole house and be a means toward consecrating the lives of those who went in and out."

The Right Rev. Alexander Hamilton Vinton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts:

"What you say about 'A Chapel in Every Home' engages my sympathetic interest. My own oratory at Bishop's House is indispensable and a place where unceasing comfort can be found. I wish, indeed, that there might be a fulfillment of your aspiration in every household of the land."

The Right Rev. G. Mott Williams, Bishop of Marquette, Mich.:

"I have long preached the oratory as one of the best means to spread the Church. Our scattered church families could often win many people to our worship by maintaining that worship with suitable surroundings at home. I am very much pleased with 'A Chapel in Every Home,' grateful for it."

The Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, Bishop of Tennessee and President of the Executive Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States:

"I quite agree with you that the life of the nation ultimately depends upon the life of the Family, and that therefore the devotional spirit of the Home will be

reflected in the order and institutions of Government. Hoping that this appeal will meet with wide response.”

The Right Rev. Frederick Roger Graves, Bishop of Shanghai, China :

“I wish that we could do more to bring about a better state of things in this regard here in China. In Chinese homes all life is lived in public, and both the place and the opportunity for private prayer and family worship are too often lacking. We do all we can to promote religion in the family, and have done something to induce our people to move on the lines indicated in ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ ”

The Right Rev. James Steptoe Johnson, Bishop of West Texas :

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea is a beautiful one, and I wish it could be largely acted on; nothing is more needed in our times than the revival of family religion, for it is the only true foundation of a religion of power.”

The Right Rev. F. B. Howden, Bishop of New Mexico :

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Anything that can bring to our people a forcible suggestion for promoting religious life in our homes must be welcomed by thoughtful and earnest men, and I am not surprised at the commendations your book has received from so many of the greatest leaders in this and other countries. From a patriotic as well as a religious viewpoint the establishing of a family Shrine or altar is obviously of great importance, for on the character of our homes must depend the character of our country. What you are contending for is of course more of a restoration than an innovation, because the home ‘chapel’ is one of the most ancient traditions of the human race, more ancient in fact than the church or the temple. Would that we Americans might lay hold of it in some such way as you advocate. Ever since I obtained a ‘Bishop’s House’ I have been planning a

chapel of this kind and have been conscious of the need of it. Needless to say your book has served to whet my desire for the achievement of my purpose. I congratulate you on your perseverance in your project and earnestly hope that your effort will bring forth results. 'A Chapel in Every Home,' it is certainly an inspiring ideal. How wonderful it will be, if, under God, the ideal can some day be realized."

The Right Rev. C. P. Anderson, Bishop of Chicago :

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' It is a genuine pleasure to know that such a book has been put forth."

The Right Rev. Henry B. Restarick, Bishop of Honolulu, T. H. :

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I believe that what this Nation wants above everything is Home religion. Modern life throws great difficulties in the way of gathering the family together for prayer, but I certainly think that if there was a Chapel in Every Home that there would be an immense advance on the right line."

The Right Rev. M. Edward Fawcett, Bishop of Quincy, Illinois :

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Permit me to say how much I wish that the idea could be carried into effect. It has long seemed very desirable to me for every Christian to have certain times and a certain place for daily prayer. Your plea, that the place could be a chapel properly arranged in the homes, is certainly true. I have found that the most practical advice I could give to those presented for Confirmation has been in harmony with the idea of your booklet. A certain place, and if possible a prepared place, for prayer, helps the soul to prepare for that place our Lord prepares for us."

The Right Rev. Frederick Burgess, Bishop of Long Island:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I find myself in full accord with your ideas on the subject and wish it were practicable to have them carried out.”

The Right Rev. Reginald H. Weller, Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I read it through when I untied the package and before I read my letters. May it aid, with God’s blessings, in bringing a Chapel to every home, at least every Christian home, and may you see some of the results here and hereafter.”

The Right Rev. Joseph M. Francis, Bishop of Indianapolis:

“I have no shadow of doubt that a place set apart in every home as the place for prayer, and reserved for this purpose alone, would bring an untold blessing to the homes of our land. Just as the open church draws many into it day by day for prayer and quiet meditation, so would this sacred spot in the home draw the members of the family and do much to restore the lost custom of Family Prayers. The thought is an admirable and helpful one.”

The Right Rev. William Crane Gray, Bishop of Southern Florida:

“Most earnestly do I pray for a rapidly increasing restoration of the custom of ‘Family Prayers.’ I was very much impressed during both of my visits to England by the general custom which I found there of the head of every family being priest in his own household and regularly conducting Family Prayer. If this movement for ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ can arouse people generally to the importance of this duty we shall certainly have reason to thank God for such a result.”

The Right Rev. J. M. Kendrick, Bishop of Arizona:

“Anything that will encourage Family Worship is valuable. If you consider my opinion as valuable at all, it is expressed very heartily and very strongly in favor of this movement.”

The Right Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, Bishop of Los Angeles, California:

“I am quite sure that you are correct about the importance of a Chapel in every home, for when I built my present house (now about eleven years ago) much thought was given to the chapel which has been a center of influence in many ways ever since. In it we have our daily family prayer; very frequently at its altar is the Holy Communion celebrated; confirmations and marriages have been solemnized. I know the value and importance therefore of the effort which you are making.”

The Right Rev. Edward R. Atwill, Bishop of West Missouri:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The suggestion appeals to me. I am sure that a room in the house consecrated to the worship of Almighty God would sanctify the family and their dwelling place. We hear much nowadays of suggestion. Undoubtedly the oratory would silently suggest prayer and praise, and many who now neglect these privileges would be reminded of them.”

The Right Rev. William Neilson McVickar, Bishop of Rhode Island:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It would be indeed an inestimable addition to any house and its family life to have a chapel of its own for family and personal worship.”

The Right Rev. Ozi William Whitaker, Bishop of Pennsylvania:

“It has never been my experience to have a Chapel in my own house or to have a room set apart as a special place of prayer, but I have several times made visits to houses in which there are such a separate place and in every instance I have been impressed with a sense of propriety and benefit of such a holy place in every home. As I look back over my life I feel that if I had begun with such a reservation of some portion of my residence it would have had a good influence upon me and on the members of my family.”

The Right Rev. Charles C. Grafton, Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin:

“I hope ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ will increase this setting apart in houses of places for private and family prayer.”

The Right Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Bishop of Nebraska:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ emphasizes a suggestion which I have mentioned many times in my office and work as a Bishop, and points the way to a restoration of that almost forgotten duty and privilege, family worship.”

The Right Rev. Richard Henry Nelson, Bishop Coadjutor of Albany:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I appreciate the purpose which is obvious in your preparation of this, and consider that it is most timely.”

The Right Rev. Robert L. Paddock, Bishop of Eastern Oregon:

“The suggestion that in every home there should be a place for prayer and meditation, a family center for spiritual thought, communion and uplift, is excellent; it would make us more loyal and loving in the family, it would increase the attendance and spiritual atmosphere in our churches; it would help to bind to-

gether the whole world as children of one Father, and would inspire us to make them conscientious members of one family in Christ. Then there would be no more selfishness, no more sin; hatred and hostilities would cease. We would love God and love our neighbor also and the heavenly life would begin. May God show each one of us how we may hasten this day, and give us the will and the power to make our dreams real."

The Right Rev. Henry D. Robinson, Bishop of Nevada:

"The idea of 'A Chapel in Every Home' is a good one. It would count much for humanity if it should be put into practice."

The Right Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, Bishop of Porto Rico:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' The idea is excellent."

The Right Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed, Bishop of Florida:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' Certainly the great want in this day is religion in the household. There was a time when family prayers were usual; now they have become unusual. I believe the book is calculated to do a great deal of good."

The Right Rev. Davis Sessums, Bishop of Louisiana:

"Surely, wherever a Chapel can be arranged in the home it would be a very real spiritual help to the family—calling to prayer and bringing a beautiful influence for good."

The Right Rev. Cleland K. Nelson, Bishop of Atlanta:

“The force which is most needed to bring back our people to their allegiance and to keep the children in the paths of truth and virtue is the family altar. To make this concrete is a great step toward establishing and confirming family worship. Your position is well reinforced by the wise words of some of our Most Reverend Fathers.”

The Right Rev. John McKim, Bishop of Tokyo, Japan:

“If every home were a House of Prayer many of the problems would be solved that trouble society and the nations. If a man in his daily home life does his duty to God, he will find it much easier to do his duty toward his neighbor.”

The Right Rev. Junius M. Horner, Bishop of Asheville, N. C.:

“The suggestion is timely and will do much good.”

The Right Rev. James B. Funsten, Bishop of Idaho:

“Undoubtedly it is a most important thing to do all in our power to kindle the fire of religion on the altar of the homes of our American people, else Christianity itself will lose its hold upon our Nation.”

The Right Rev. Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippine Islands:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ commends itself to one who for upwards of twenty years has never been without an oratory in his home. I wish indeed we could arouse the heads of families in our country to a realization of their dignity as priests of their respective households. When worship in the home is once again restored the churches will not stand in need of worshippers.”

The Right Rev. Rogers Israel, Bishop of Erie, Pennsylvania:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ May I not wish you God-speed in the great work you have undertaken, and assure you of my hearty co-operation.”

The Right Rev. William Hall Moreland, Bishop of Sacramento, California:

“The subject of a Chapel in Every Home appeals to me powerfully. I feel the need of a sacred corner or niche in the homes of us all. Write me again, count me as a true ally and co-worker.”

The Right Rev. Phillip M. Rhineland, Bishop of Pennsylvania:

“I feel very deeply with you that the nation rests on the home, and the home rests on home religion. I also recognize the force of the idea that a chapel in every home would go a long way towards preserving the ideal of family religion as well as the practice of it.”

The Right Rev. Alfred Harding, Bishop of Washington, D. C.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The suggestion conveyed by the title and the reinforcement of it by the weighty letters of the prominent Bishops, makes it indeed a valuable Tractate. I am quite sure that there could be nothing better for family life and for the Church than family religion at the family altar.”

The Right Rev. J. Frederick Kinsman, Bishop of Delaware:

“Thank you for the copy of ‘A Chapel in Every Home,’ with the theme of which I am in entire sympathy. I notice that in the letter sent you by Bishop Coleman he speaks of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd

in his house. I can add my own testimony to the value of it not only for use but also as a reminder and silent witness."

The Right Rev. Frederick F. Reese, Bishop of Georgia:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I have read it with much interest and trust that it may be effective in promoting a revival of the practice of family worship. I am sure that a decline in this practice is a very serious hindrance to religion and I think that every earnest Christian should labor and pray for this revival."

The Right Rev. Charles Tyler Olmsted, Bishop of Central New York:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' In these days when so many 'Family Altars' seem to have fallen down, and the voice of prayer and praise is not heard in such households, it is certainly well to remind people of the duty which they neglect and of the privilege which they lose. I have an 'oratory' in my own home, and have often remarked that since we have separate rooms for eating, and talking, and sleeping, it is certainly quite as important to have, where it is possible, a room also for praying. Why not?"

The Right Rev. William Montgomery Brown, Bishop of Arkansas:

"With every good wish for 'A Chapel in Every Home.'"

The Right Rev. Theodore Du Bose Bratton, Bishop of Mississippi:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' The theme is pertinent, and it is presented in a very striking way. It will help me in presenting the subject as I am constantly doing."

The Right Rev. John N. McCormick, Bishop of Western Michigan:

“Such a movement as ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is certainly much needed and such results as those suggested are much to be desired.”

The Right Rev. Cameron Mann, Bishop of North Dakota:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Of course it presents an ideal which in many, perhaps most cases, would not be realized. But that is the case with all novel ideas. A Chapel room in a house cannot by itself create worship there. But it does suggest and invite to worship. And I can believe that if each decent tenement had its little chapel the tenants would treat the building more carefully and pay the rent more promptly; also that the landlord would treat his tenants more generously.”

The Right Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Such publications toward development of the religion in the family life must be helpful, especially in these days, when the pressure of other interests is so heavy.”

The Right Rev. George W. Peterkin, Bishop of West Virginia:

“The subject of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is certainly very attractive.”

The Right Rev. Sidney C. Partridge, Bishop of Kyoto, Japan:

“I beg to say that I am most heartily in favor of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ as I understand it and have for years tried to bring my people up to the ideal laid down by Canon Liddon on this subject. I have not only always had a Chapel in my own home, but in both

China and Japan have tried to educate my people up to the same standard. I may say that it is really much easier to do this with the Oriental people, with whom the idea of the 'Household Shrines' is such a strong one, than it is with many of our Western lands who seem to have drifted away from the conception almost entirely."

The Right Rev. William Paret, Bishop of Maryland:

"I am greatly pleased with 'A Chapel in Every Home' and sincerely hope it will have excellent effect."

The Right Rev. Nathaniel L. Thomas, Bishop of Wyoming:

(Second letter.)

"I have, in my house, now built in my study, a little chapel which is consecrated wholly to the purpose of worship. This is not a separate room, as I could not spare the space, but it is shut off from the room by a curtain. May God grant that your labors in this propaganda which you have undertaken may be universally used."

ENDORSEMENT BY HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The General Convention, St. Louis, Mo., 1916.

The Right Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, Presiding Bishop:

"No better help to the Christian cause can come than the emphasizing of the value of home religion and worship. I shall take pleasure in presenting to the House of Bishops your petition for 'A Chapel in Every Home.' "

The Right Rev. Wm. Hall Moreland, Bishop of Sacramento, California, and Chairman of the Joint

Commission on Home and Family Life, General Convention, St. Louis, Mo., October 23, 1916:

“The General Convention has received with profound sympathy and approval your proposal with reference to a Chapel in Every Home. It was referred to the Committee on Memorials, which reported it to the House of Bishops with unanimous commendation. It was also commended to the attention of the Committee on the Pastoral Letter.

“A further Joint Commission on Home and Family Life has been created, consisting of five bishops, five presbyters and five laymen. Of this Commission the undersigned is Chairman. Be sure that your proposal will be earnestly considered by the Commission, and anything more bearing upon it will be entertained and welcomed if sent to my home address.”

The General Convention, House of Bishops, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, St. Louis, Mo., 1916.

Report of the Committee on Memorials and Petitions:

An appeal has been received from Joseph R. Wilson, Esq., Philadelphia, to the General Convention that it sanction and approve the idea of “A Chapel in Every Home,” which is that there be set apart wherever possible, in every dwelling now erected, and that there be included in every dwelling hereafter erected, one room, small or large as circumstances may permit, specially dedicated to Almighty God as the religious center around which the domestic life shall revolve.

The Committee offers the following resolution:

Resolved: That this House is in hearty sympathy with the devout purpose of the petitioner; it realizes how sadly the practices of prayer and family worship are neglected and crowded out by the conditions of

modern life. It recognizes the practical difficulties of securing privacy and seclusion for spiritual exercises amid present day conditions of apartments, tenements, flats and crowded living quarters. It would rejoice to see the idea of the petitioner carried out, and believes that it might be more frequently realized in the larger mansions and spacious residences erected or occupied by Christian people. This House therefore gives its warm endorsement to this appeal, especially so far as it applies to the deepening of the religious life of the home and the practice of Family Prayers, and commends the whole matter to the consideration of the Committee on Pastoral Letter.

This report was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Letter.

SAMUEL HART,
Secretary.

The Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of Bethlehem, Pa.:

“Nothing could be more important than for the Church to lay strongest emphasis on the valuable suggestion of ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The *House of Bishops* unanimously passed the enclosed resolution. I feel convinced that you will be greatly gratified to receive this Resolution on this project so vital to the spiritual welfare of God’s people everywhere.”

METHODIST EPISCOPAL BISHOPS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Right Rev. Henry Spellmeyer, Bishop, M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ and a mid-week prayer service attended by the members of every family would soon bring the world to Christ, and Christ back to the world.”

The Right Rev. John L. Nuelson, Bishop, M. E. Church, Omaha, Nebraska:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I am very much impressed with the sentiments expressed therein.”

The Right Rev. Earl Cranston, Bishop, M. E. Church, Washington, D. C.:

“Worship in every home, certainly. ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ where it is practical. Yes—giving that demand precedence over the music room or dancing room.”

The Right Rev. J. W. Basford, Bishop, M. E. Church, Pekin, China:

“If ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ shall result in the re-establishment of the family altar in American homes, it will prove a priceless contribution to American civilization.”

The Right Rev. William F. McDowell, Bishop, M. E. Church, Chicago:

“I am sure all who have any interest in the home and family life of the nation, and therefore in the national life itself, must agree with the general idea and principle of ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’”

The Right Rev. William F. Anderson, Bishop, M. E. Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The amount of good that can be accomplished by this method is almost incalculable. The home after all lies at the foundation of our progress, of both our commonwealth and the nation.”

The Right Rev. Luther B. Wilson, Resident Bishop, M. E. Church, Philadelphia:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I wish that it were

possible for every home to have such a place for prayer and meditation. The importance of family religion cannot be too strongly stated. Hoping that this booklet may not only awaken thought but lead also to conviction and appropriate action."

HOW THE ANGLICAN BISHOPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE.

The Right Rev. and Hon. Edward Carr Glyn, Bishop of Peterborough, England:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' There is no doubt that anything that can increase the Sanctity of the 'Home' life must be a great advantage, and your proposal tends decidedly that way, and should therefore meet with encouragement."

The Right Rev. William Boyd Carpenter, Bishop of Ripon, England:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' It would be a very great thing if this should lead to a revival of family prayer in at least all Christian households."

The Right Rev. John Nathaniel Quirk, Bishop Suffragan, of Sheffield, England:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' My assurances of the earnest hope I have that this effort may be blessed to the increase of private prayer, personal consecration and Religion in the Home."

The Right Rev. John William Diggle, Bishop of Carlisle, England:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Wherever such a chapel is practicable it is beneficent, and I believe with you that it is far more generally practicable than is commonly supposed. Much of the prevalent decay of public worship is, I think, due to the neglect of constantly teaching from the pulpit the duty and value of family worship."

The Right Rev. George Nickson, Bishop of Jarrow, England:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea is a useful one and its carrying out would produce a movement toward truer spiritual life in many a home.”

The Right Rev. George Rodney Eden, Bishop of Wakefield, England:

“I hope ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ will be productive of a great deal of good.”

The Right Rev. S. E. Marsden, Assistant Bishop of Bristol, England:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I cordially agree that wherever practicable it is most desirable that there should be a room set apart for the purpose of family worship, and also for private prayer and meditation in every home.”

The Right Rev. Arthur Hamilton Baynes, Assistant Bishop of Southwell, England:

“I have perused ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ with much interest, and sympathize with its views.”

The Right Rev. John P. A. Bowers, Bishop Suffragan of Thetford, Norfolk, England:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I think the suggestion is admirable, and I will take any steps I can to further it in this part of the world.”

The Right Rev. John Wordsworth, Bishop of Salisbury, England:

“The Bishop desires me to say that he is greatly interested in ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ and in the object at which it aims.”

The Right Rev. W. H. Yeatman-Biggs, Bishop of Worcester:

“I am directed by the Bishop of Worcester to thank you for your book ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The Bishop entirely agrees with you that the home and family life is the corner stone on which rests national life and progress.”

The Right Rev. Henry Lake Paget, Bishop Suffragan, Stepney, England:

“The Bishop of Stepney asks me to write and thank you most warmly for your book, and to say that he thinks that some small room set apart for prayer would do much to deepen and brighten the spiritual life in the household.”

The Right Rev. Edgar Charles Sumner Gibson, Bishop of Gloucester, England:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The suggestion in it is well worthy of consideration and I should be glad to see it carried out as far as possible.”

The Right Rev. John Dowden, Bishop of Edinburgh, Scotland:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ With the idea that underlies it, I entirely concur; but for the very poor there is a practical impossibility. Long ago I have said, putting this matter on an obviously reasonable footing, ‘In every home that can have a billiard room, there ought to be a chapel.’ Of course one may go a little farther than that.”

The Right Rev. Rowland Ellis, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ So great is the influence that the home life exercises upon the life of the nation that whatever tends to raise and elevate the home must prove a national blessing.”

Bishop Ellis, of Aberdeen and Orkney, in an address before the Church Congress at Swansea in 1909, made an eloquent appeal for the sanctification of the family life. He said:

“Personal religion, the spiritual life of the individual—this, in its various aspects, has a very real place in our thoughts as Christians. The life of the Church, its growth and development—this, too, occupies much of our attention. The life of the nation and that which makes for national well-being and national greatness—this again comes continually before us in one form or another. It is right that we should dwell on these things, but do we dwell sufficiently on the life of the family? Do we sufficiently consider that the foundation of the national life is the home, that it comes first in the order of time, and first in the order of importance; that the nation rises or sinks just in proportion as its families are pure or otherwise; that if you want to raise the nation and to purify the country you must first of all raise the family and purify the home?”

“The sanctification of family life, then, is a subject that may well occupy the attention of this Congress. What do we mean by the sanctification of family life? We mean that the home should be a dwelling in which Christ abides by the power of the Holy Ghost the Sanctifier, in which the all-pervading presence of Christ makes its influence felt, in which all the members are united to Christ, and to each other in Christ, so that all the details of home life are hallowed by His consecrating touch, and the home becomes the abode of happiness because the abode of holiness.”

The Right Rev. Charles Frederick D’Arcy, Bishop of Ossory, Kilkenny, Ireland. Transferred 1911 to the Bishopric of Down, Connor and Dromore:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea set forth therein with so much clearness and earnestness is certainly one which makes for spirituality and devotion. In the rush that marks the present age there is danger

lest family worship should be forgotten. Also I hold that the public worship of the church, important though it be, can never take the place of 'Family Prayers.'"

The Right Rev. William Arthur Holbech, Bishop of the Island of St. Helena:

"The custom of Family Prayer is not so general now as formerly, and I hope 'A Chapel in Every Home' may be effective in restoring the use of that very valuable act of devotion."

The Right Rev. Alfred Clifford, Bishop of Lucknow, India:

"I have a chapel in my own home, and wherever I may be in the future, hope to be able to devote a room to this purpose."

The Right Rev. Francis A. Gregory, Bishop of the Island of Mauritius:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' I think it is impossible not to sympathize fully with this endeavor though it is so easy to see the difficulties in the way of its realization. I cannot doubt that it will produce some effect and the mere fact of bringing the idea before people's minds will be fruitful."

The Right Rev. John Francis Welsh, Bishop of Trinidad, W. I.:

"I cordially join my brethren and other Bishops who have previously written, in approval of 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Everything that tends to sanctify and bless the Home and home life must inevitably react on the Civic and National life."

The Right Rev. William M. Cameron, Bishop Co-adjutor, of Capetown, Africa:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' It is an excellent idea, which, if carried out, would, I am sure, give a brighter spiritual tone and much spiritual strength and comfort to many a family."

The Right Rev. William Willcox Perrin, Bishop of British Columbia :

“May the distribution of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ be a real help, and produce results. Personally I can testify to the great spiritual advantage it is to have a small Oratory in the home. It makes a difference in the Family Prayers, and for private devotion it is indeed a blessing and aid to devotion. We value a short Service in the middle of the day which any visitors who happen to come to luncheon gladly attend.”

The Right Rev. George Alfred Lefroy, Bishop of Lahore, Punjab, India :

“I must unreservedly accept the position maintained in ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have always had the advantage of a ‘Chapel in the Home’ myself, both during 20 years when I was a member of the Cambridge Mission at Delhi, and since I became a Bishop, and I know how invaluable an addition it is to the life of any home. I earnestly trust that the booklet may be widely read and produce much effect.”

The Right Rev. William Edmund Smith, Bishop of Lebombo, Africa :

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ May I express the hope that you will not allow the matter to drop, for the modern disregard of domestic religion is a matter which ought to be seriously considered by all religious people. It is saddening to notice the increasing number of homes where even grace at meals has been allowed to drop. A revolution of the character of your proposal cannot be accomplished without a great deal of hard work on the part of the few who are keen. I hope you may succeed in inspiring a considerable number of lay-men to join you in the work.”

The Right Rev. Cecil Wilson, Bishop of Melanesia, New Zealand :

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have no doubt

whatever that there should be in every home a place set apart for communion with God; a place where at any time one can be hidden in His tabernacle; a sanctuary out of which we can see things as God sees them. There is nothing so helpful as a chapel in the home, and after reading what you and others have said on the subject, probably some who had thought it impossible to provide themselves with one, will fit up some room or cupboard for the purpose."

The Right Rev. George Horsfall Frodsham,
Bishop of North Queensland, Australia:

"I welcome very heartily the idea of a chapel in each home where all the household, from the master to the maid servant, can go for prayer. Before I built a tiny wooden chapel outside, I set apart a room, as you did, in my house. Not one of us failed to value it."

The Right Rev. Thomas Henry Armstrong, Bishop
of Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia:

"It would be a blessing indeed if the idea of 'A Chapel in Every Home' could be carried out. I am sorry to say that in these days, prayer is too often neglected—both family and private. If some such idea as this could become general and a place be set apart for worship in every home, it would do much to remedy the evil."

The Right Rev. Arthur Wellesley Pain, Bishop of
Gippsland, Province of Victoria, Australia:

"I most heartily agree that the home and the family is the cornerstone on which rests national life and progress. Anything that aims at strengthening and uplifting home life is worthy of our fullest sympathy. 'A Chapel in Every Home' seems to me well calculated to accomplish the important object it has in view."

The Right Rev. John D. Langley, Bishop of Ben-
digo, Victoria, Australia:

“The subject is one which I think has a most important bearing on the future life of Christian people.”

The Right Rev. Charles Oliver Mules, Bishop of Nelson, New Zealand:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It brings to mind and enforces a duty too frequently altogether neglected, especially in a young country, such as New Zealand. To make the provision for its fulfillment, which is suggested by you, would not be too difficult for at least some persons, but hitherto I have only met with it in the homes of the clergy of my own Church.”

The Right Rev. John Edward Mercer, Bishop of Tasmania:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea which is therein stressed is most valuable. Sincerely trusting that the effort may bear good fruit.”

The Right Rev. John Edward Mercer, Bishop of Bishop of Goulburn, New South Wales:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I am sure it will do much good, and tend to home and family worship.”

The Right Rev. Moore R. Neylan, Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ If widely adopted is bound to bring blessing to individuals, and to nations. The very strongest bulwark to family life is family prayer.”

The Right Rev. George Thorneloe, Bishop of Algoma, Ontario, Canada:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ If we could but induce our people to worship God at home they would be less inclined to neglect Him elsewhere. I trust that God may richly bless this effort.”

The Right Rev. John Grisdale, Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Canada:

“There can be no doubt that the places in which family prayer is held become hallowed by many sweet memories. If there could be a special place in each home for this purpose, it would, I believe, be of great service. May God bless this effort.”

The Right Rev. William Cyprian Pinkham, Bishop of Calgary, Canada:

“The suggestion conveyed in the title ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is admirable, and I shall very gladly do anything in my power to disseminate the idea and urge that in every home, wherever practicable, there should be a place for prayer and meditation.”

The Right Rev. William Lennox Mills, Bishop of Ontario, Canada:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ A room set apart as a chapel in a home, would be likely to encourage reverence, and a spirit of worship amongst the members of the family, and insure family worship, which is so generally neglected in this work-a-day materialistic age.”

The Right Rev. Andrew H. Dunn, Bishop of Quebec:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ deals with a highly important subject and it would be good indeed if we could lead all our people who have rooms in their homes for various purposes to set apart one for prayer and praise.”

The Right Rev. James Fielding Sweeney, Bishop of Toronto:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is certainly a reasonable ideal in every Christian household. If, as the

evidence is, there was a sacred spot where the patriarch was wont to stand before the Lord, Gen. 19: v. 27, it surely follows that there should be in every Christian home, some little area to which the devout might withdraw to pray. The influence of such a spot would be incalculable. Why, if the family altar was set up, rather than making the dining room table its substitute, how frequently in after life would the scattered members of the family return in thought and catch anew the sacred spirit of the spot."

The Right Rev. Joseph Lofthouse, Bishop of Keewatin, Canada:

"There is to my mind a real danger in making our religion one only of 'Church' and not 'Home.' Anything to help on this 'Home' side of religion I most gladly welcome."

The Right Rev. John Philip DeMoulin, Bishop of Niagara, Canada:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' While in Canada we may have more observance of Family Prayers than you have in the U. S. A., we are, I fear, declining in that great matter, and so I trust your publication may through the Bishops, be a timely call to reformation. The setting apart in every home of a room to be used as a Chapel would be in itself a recognition of the privilege of Family Prayer and a reminder of its neglect when not used. I hope this effort may do much good in a matter of so great interest and importance."

The Right Rev. William D. Reeve, Assistant Bishop of Toronto, Canada:

"You have put your finger on a weak spot in our family life. It would be a great uplift if Family Prayer could be re-established in the home, or if individuals would regard one spot in it as the 'chapel.' 'A Chapel in Every Home' is calculated to help towards that end. Praying that its circulation will have the result desired."

THE GREAT TRIBUTE TO THE MESSAGE FROM
MINISTERS OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS.

The Rev. Ernest M. Stires, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, New York:

"The words of St. Paul in his letter to Philemon, 'The Church in thy house,' have always suggested to me the family oratory, as well as the Christian family. The value of such a chapel is not restricted to those who use it for purposes of devotion. It is an eloquent message for every visitor, for every servant, for every tradesman, who enters the house, just as Trinity Church, standing at the head of Wall Street, is a message even for those who have never entered its doors. God hasten the time when there will be a chapel in every home, and may His abundant blessing be with this inspired effort."

The Rev. Louis C. Washburn, Rector, Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa.:

"The multiplication of hotels and apartment houses for poor as well as rich, in a generation that is afraid to read the Bible in its schools, calls for constructive imagination and persuasiveness such as glows from your pages, if home religion is to be reclaimed. May this devout effort be abundantly rewarded."

The Rev. William T. Manning, Pastor, Trinity Church, New York (now Bishop of New York):

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' The matter did not come before the 1913 Convention, but the suggestion was one which could not fail to commend itself to earnest church people."

The Rev. John S. Bunting, Rector, Christ Church, Macon, Georgia:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' I think I can best express my estimate of it by telling you I am going to

proceed to make the plan effective in my parish at once on my return from the General Convention. I think I may best do this by issuing a circular letter to my communicants about it. You have written not only an appeal, but a challenge to faith that will wake up more than one locality. The Hour, the Fact, the Place of Prayer, all go together. With God's blessing assured in this effort."

The Rev. James S. Stone, Rector of St. James' P. E. Church, Chicago:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I have read it with delight, and hope and pray that He who put it into your heart to write it will make it a means whereby many of our people may be brought back to a realization of the duty and joy of family worship. It is a good sign that such a book has been printed."

The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I am very much pleased with it, and I believe it will do good. I wish all success in this good work."

The Rev. Alexander Mann, Trinity Church, Boston:

"To have in the house one room which is especially associated in the minds of all the family, parents and children, with religion, is, I think, a very beautiful and helpful thing."

The Rev. William R. Turner, Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, Philadelphia:

"If there were more praying in the home, there would be more people attending Church. If the ideal of 'A Chapel in Every Home' were realized, the Sabbath questions would be settled. I, therefore, pray our Heavenly Father to bless this work for Him and for the betterment of humanity."

The Rev. Robert A. Edwards, St. John's P. E. Church, Holmesburg, Pa.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I read it all through at one sitting and needless to say greatly enjoyed it all. The idea is both unique and original. Anything that tends to emphasize the value and beauty of united prayer is worthy of hearty commendation.”

The Very Rev. Winfred H. Ziegler, Archdeacon St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, N. M.:

“In Alaska, as one enters, at the tundra's edge, the poor hut of the Aleut, the shrine with its ikon and lights is the first thing which catches the eye. It has been cherished from generations and has convinced the babies and youths of the prevailing presence of One who sacrificed himself for all men. In our American homes, what is there of teaching value to our children and our guests? The family portraits? The High School Diploma? The phonograph?

“Children cannot be taught religion. If they do get it they get it by ‘catching’ it. They see that their fathers and mothers have it, and then they grow up in it. The family altar and altar cross, the holy picture, and the holy Book, all as part of the household furnishing, will give more of God to the child and to the man than years of formal religious instruction. Moreover, if husband and wife will earnestly, at home as well as in church, pray together, they will in this life more patiently and with more harmony live together. God bless this inspired endeavor.”

The Rev. Elwood Worcester, Emmanuel Church, Boston, Mass.:

“The project appeals to me very strongly. I believe that the general discontinuance of family worship is one of the chief causes of the decay of practical Christianity, and I feel sure that any means which would promote such worship would be an inestimable religious blessing to this country.”

The Rev. Robert Johnston, Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“There are many people who would be greatly helped by having a little corner of the house dedicated as a place of quiet. I know many such and they find the little chapel in the home helpful to them. The particular place becomes by association the holy place. There are others, however, who like Brother Lawrence can realize the presence of God in the refectory of the monastery as vividly as at the altar of High Mass. This latter position is one rarely attained. I can see, however, that the idea of a chapel in every home might be the means of recovering for some the sense of the presence of the Eternal which could then spread over every detail and every place in life.”

The Rev. W. H. Roberts, State Clerk and Treasurer, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The suggestion made therein is admirable, and is in full harmony with the spirit and life of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. As a Church we make much of the home and of the family altar. To us the head of the household is the priest, and the gathering of the family for worship each day of the week, the approach of the household to God, acknowledging His Fatherhood, seeking his blessing and receiving grace sufficient for every need, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. That family worship is not a feature of the life of a large number of Christian families in every denomination is to us a source of deep regret. We hail, therefore, with pleasure every movement, by members of all Christian churches, that shall give to the family altar its proper place, and emphasize yet more clearly the declaration of the Apostle Peter, that Christians are a ‘royal priesthood.’”

The Rev. Perry S. Allen, President, Presbyterian Ministers Fund, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“If the ideals in ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ could

be realized in all Christian countries it would establish the kingdom of Christ on the earth in a very short time, and the work of a thousand years would be done in a day."

The Rev. John Grant Newman, Pastor, The Chambers Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I have read it all. The idea is *so* fine that it makes me think it was given you in a moment of *inspiration*. I truly wish that the thought might become a *universal fact*. Let us hope that it may."

The Rev. W. C. Robinson, Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.:

"The idea of 'A Chapel in Every Home' is certainly a beautiful one. While I have always urged prayer and home religion, I never thought of the room set apart. It seems to me that such a room might, like the alabaster box of ointment, send a perfume through all the house and to every place where the family should go. In my judgment a superlative need in these times is to get the families back to religious practices. In modern pressure and hurry we have sacrificed things that are beyond calculation."

The Rev. Guido Bossard, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Overbrook, Philadelphia:

"To make our religion the power it should be in our lives and the lives of our people, your ideal of 'A Chapel in Every Home' must be realized far and wide. Surely you may count on the hearty co-operation of every one interested in the highest welfare of his fellow men."

The Rev. Samuel Y. Nicholls, Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis:

"I heartily approve of the plan advocated in 'A Chapel in Every Home.' It could not fail to minister

to the support of family religion. 'The Church in the House' is first in importance, and whatever promotes its welfare should receive the earnest consideration of all Christians. The Chapel in the House should be the most sacred and inspiring room in it. A little sanctuary, a place for prayer and meditation, a refuge in times of sorrow and trouble, and an altar place for the sacrifice of praise. I trust the plan suggested may have its practical application in thousands of homes and have its fruit in the revival of family religion."

The Rev. George Rutger Brauer, First Presbyterian Church, Setauket, L. I.:

"If households could be interested and persuaded to adopt this idea, there would be a gracious revival of pure and undefiled religion. Most homes have a parlor reserved for company, a guest chamber for visitors. Is there any place in our homes reserved for God? What a beautiful idea that is, to have a chapel in the home, some nook or corner which has been beautified, made convenient and comfortable, reserved for God and the future of spiritual life."

The Rev. W. Lyall Wilson, Dundee, Scotland:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' I am glad that I had the opportunity of discussing its subject matter with you personally. You know already how heartily I sympathize with your suggestion, and believing firmly as I do that the family is the unit of a healthy and happy state, I welcome and support everything that aims at the consecration and elevation of the home."

The Rev. Walter Calley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.:

"I believe the idea of 'A Chapel in Every Home' is worthy of careful thought and if carried into practice would do much to sweeten the family life and bring the individual nearer to God."

The Rev. L. Walton Terry, N. W. Baptist Convention, Tacoma, Washington:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It is something entirely new to me and I have read the same with a great deal of interest. Praying that God may bless this effort for the betterment of Homes.”

The Rev. Hulbert G. Beeman, Pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa:

“The longer I am in the pastorate, the more I am convinced of the great need of the present day, in the revival of personal and family devotion. ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ suggests a plan that will greatly aid in this direction. It should have the co-operation and hearty support of every Clergyman in this matter.”

The Rev. H. C. Rosamond, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Ark.:

“The idea of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is one of the very best and will be far-reaching in its influence. I pray that the Holy Spirit will use it as a means of establishing a Chapel in many thousands of homes. I hope that it will get millions of our people to hold frequent communion with God. May His richest blessing rest upon this work.”

The Rev. David Carol Williams, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Globe, Ariz.:

“The idea of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is a capital one, and that which will help build up the family life is certainly to be welcomed. The home out of touch with God is an immeasurable hindrance to all our work.”

George L. White, General Missionary and Corresponding Secretary, American Baptist Home Missionary Society, Salt Lake City, Utah:

“‘The Chapel in Every Home’ presents a most excellent idea. In proportion as its aim can be realized we will have more devout lives and more happy homes.”

The Rev. George D. Adams, Pastor, Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“The ideal of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is truly splendid and ought to be realized in a Christian civilization. Too long the world has had ‘no room in the Inn’ for Christ. Family worship is the tap root of religion and the propagation of such worship is sure promotion of the Kingdom of God in the earth.”

The Rev. A. C. Applegarth, Pastor, The Chestnut Hill Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ God speed this good work. All who have had experience know that out of the home are the issues of life. As the home is, so will the business and social worlds be. And the ‘church in the sanctuary’ will never be and do what the Master intends it should be and do until once more we have ‘church in the house.’ ”

The Rev. W. C. Golden, Corresponding Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ strikes the key-note of the highest ideal of home religion.”

The Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia:

“A Chapel in every house is an ideal not more unique and novel than it is desirable and practicable. Years ago a great and good man said, ‘Where God has given roof there He expects an altar’; and the chapel thought is one that should be emphasized in connection with the altar thought. Why not have in our homes, then, a special place where men can hear God’s voice, meditate upon God’s word and grow in God’s image; a place which more and more becomes to the soul a gate of Heaven and a door to immortality, a fixed and familiar place of communication with the Infinite and the Eternal?”

The Rev. George W. Truett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas:

“The citadel both for Church and State is the Home. As goes the Home, so shall go everything throughout all the social order. The lofty resolution of the noble Joshua should be the dominant resolution in every Home: ‘As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.’ There can be no substitutes for the duty and privilege of Family Worship. Whatever, therefore, will magnify the best expression of Christianity in the Home should have the unceasing and most faithful attention of the people everywhere, of every age, class, condition and circumstance.”

The Rev. H. H. Weber, General Secretary, the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ strikes a tender chord in my heart. I say splendid. Nothing will so much conduce to make us better men and women, as the secret chamber for prayer in every home in America. I am pleased, too, with the whole argument on the subject. It is telling and most convincing. I trust and pray the day may soon come when ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ will be a reality.”

The Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“Thirty years ago there was no dust on the family Bible. Ten years ago it was covered with dust. Today there is no family Bible. We must replace it and use it. If our religion is vital, of course there ought to be ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ and it ought not to be in the attic. Your purpose is definite and highly essential if righteousness is to continue in our land.”

The Rev. J. Eugene Dietterich, Pastor of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glenside, Montgomery County, Pa.:

“I believe every home should have a bathroom and a chapel, the one for the body and the other for the soul. I wish every home could have its chapel where family worship could be conducted and where every member of the family—and visitors too—could go for private devotions—where all would be expected to go before breakfast and before retiring. I believe it would sweeten the temper of every one, cause each to be more kindly disposed toward the other, prevent the children being led away in bad courses of conduct, bind husband and wife closer together, bring all into closer fellowship with God and in a closer following of His guidance, develop Christian character and Christian experiences, make life worth living and death worth dying. Family Worship such as our fathers had seems to be too largely abandoned. I hope this idea of the ‘chapel’ in the home may not only take its place, but enlarge its scope. I shall pray for the extension of the work and I shall be glad if I can do anything to help the good cause.”

The Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, Pastor, St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ will surely serve to awaken many hearts to a revival of the family altar which in too many instances has been neglected. I sincerely hope that the noble end may be reached, and the family life may be permeated with the spirit of true devotion. With the prayer that ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ may have the divine blessing and the effort be crowned with success.”

The Rev. W. Bamford, Pastor, Cookman Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia:

“‘A Chapel in the Home’ takes me back into my yesterdays when father, mother and seven children gathered around the family altar. Father would read the Bible and pray and upon closing the prayer mother would rise from her knees, pass along the line of the seven children, placing her hand upon the head of each child, would send up a brief ejaculation beginning with the eldest and closing with the babe in arms or by

her side. I was the fifth child. Oh! the touch of that hand on my head, and the sound of that voice in my ears, as she said: 'God bless my boy, William.' I feel the touch and hear the voice today.

“ ‘ ’Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours,
And ask what report they bore to heaven.’ ”

The Rev. P. W. Webb, Pastor, A. M. E. Church,
Marche, Ark.:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I am just in from attending my annual conference. Finding this valuable asset added to my scant library I am forced to feel that I am highly complimented. Timely indeed does the force of its language, so heartily endorsed by the leaders of a great church, clinch itself upon and within my heart. The thought of the Home and its spiritual atmosphere being of vital concern to me, becomes more so, since gleaned these pages. So much do my people (colored) need it that I could not refrain seizing the privilege of equipping myself for the distribution of its message. I fear that we are departing somewhat from the force of its plea.”

The Rev. Oscar Edward Maurer, Pastor, The First
Church of Christ, New Haven, Connecticut:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ In a day when the fires on the family altar seem to wane, it is a great joy to one who believes implicitly in the immense practical value of the devotional life, to find that a busy professional man is furthering the cause of family worship—not theoretically, but by outlining a practicable plan. I wish it every success.”

The Rev. Henry S. Clubb, Pastor of the Philadel-
phia Bible Christian Church:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Had this idea and suggestion been adopted in Europe three years ago the war that is now devastating that quarter of the world, in all probability would not have occurred.”

The Rev. George Hamilton Combs, Independence Boulevard Christian Church, Kansas City :

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Let me express my appreciation of this work—none more beautiful, more urgent. The home!—everything must begin there.”

The Rev. William V. Berg, Pastor, Central Congregational Church, Philadelphia, Pa. :

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I am in hearty sympathy with the motive which prompted the preparation of this book, and on the manner of the presentation of this timely subject.”

The Rev. W. E. Biederwolf, Evangelist and President of the Family Altar League, Chicago, Ill. :

“The thought of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ appeals to me mightily. It holds me in a grip of tremendous interest. I stood recently in the home of a church officer and saw one of the best rooms dedicated to the billiard game, another room dedicated to music, and yet another room given to a conservatory for flowers, and I confessed to my disappointment in finding no room for the worship of God. Profoundly grateful for every modern movement dedicated to the uplift of humanity we are, nevertheless, face to face with the solemn recognition that unless the Church rings out with increased and clarion emphasis the slogan ‘Back to Family Worship’ society is lost. Here is the divine source of that prevention which is far better than any cure, which, alas! so often is never found. The thought is big with meaning. It is beautiful; it is practical. Christian Conventions ought to emphasize it. Ecclesiastical Assemblies ought to encourage it. Christian people ought to practice it. May God prosper this great thought.”

Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, Temple, Philadelphia :

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Your noble appeal for a revival of one of the most sacred of former-day home institutions, is worthy of the artistic form in

which you have issued it. I have read the same from cover to cover with genuine delight."

Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, Congregation Rodelph Shalom, Philadelphia:

"I am just now engaged in compiling a very interesting collection of home prayers to be used by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I cite these facts, as I presume they will interest you, as indicative of the fulfillment of those pious sentiments which have prompted you to the earnest advocacy of the promotion of the reverent spirit in the home."

BIBLE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHRISTIAN AND
OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

E. K. Mohr, Superintendent, Purity Department,
The International Sunday School Association:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' You cannot claim too much for this splendid idea, and the hearty response from so many leaders is witness to the fact that God has spoken through you to a real need in heart and home. Invited to many Christian homes in different parts of the country, the 'Chapel' shall not be forgotten and I trust I may learn to speak about it that many bless God for this practical suggestion."

W. G. Landes, General Secretary, Pennsylvania
State Sabbath School Association, Philadelphia, Pa.:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I have gone through it with interest and I feel that God has given you an idea that should at once impress every individual who desires to see the kingdom of God extended through this great land of ours. In these days of commercialism, when values are considered by the temporary standard of dollars and cents, it is well to have our attention called to the things that are eternal and divine. The strength of this nation is in its home life, and if in the home a place can be secured where daily intercourse may be had with our Heavenly Father, our

homes cannot help but be purer, and from which our children will go in the strength of right living and righteousness."

George H. Stuart, Jr., President, The Home Missionary Society of the City of Philadelphia, Vice-President, The Philadelphia Bible Society:

"The message of 'A Chapel in Every Home' brings a new light to the world. It is a challenge to the faith of us all. A Christian household is the unit upon whose foundation is built the structure of an enduring national life, and the influence of this message shall be recorded upon the pages of history. The title, so well chosen by the author, clearly indicates the intimate connection between worship, and family reverence for those objects which transcend the grosser elements of our physical being.

"If ever there was a time when the chapel in the home would throw its beacon light upon a world, sin-tossed and struggling with passions and doubts, surely it is now. It would shine out over the raging sea of wavering faith and pilot us into the haven of prayer, to find sweet comfort and divine guidance in the sanctuary of the Most High. Within its portals we could lay our weakness, our sorrow and our perplexity before our God, and in secret communion, in our own home, day or night. The banner of our sanctuary would ever proclaim to our fellow-man our allegiance to the King of Kings, and our brotherhood with humanity. The thought is a noble one in its conception and wholly practicable of execution.

"May this chapel, therefore, be set up in every home throughout our land, and in every land, that by its sacred influence, admission, and teachings, the youth and manhood of the world may find, enjoy and transmit to succeeding generations the blessings alike of true religion and civil and political liberty."

Emilie F. Kearney, Teacher Training Superintendent, Philadelphia County Sunday School Association:

"'A Chapel in Every Home.' Those of us who are daily in intimate contact with the religious life of this

city can appreciate what a Chapel in Every Home would mean to the spiritual life of our people—it would go a long way toward solving our great religious problems. You can be assured that I am with you in your work and will be glad to speak about its glorious possibilities whenever I have the opportunity.”

Anne Townsend Scribner, President, Federation Women’s Bible Classes, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It is a beautiful thought, and is directly in line with our conviction in the Federation. We believe as you do, that ‘The home and the family is the cornerstone on which rests national life and progress’; only we, of course, emphasize the position that woman holds as the key to a great part of the situation with a devoted, consecrated womanhood, studying the Bible. An idea such as is conveyed in your book of a consecrated place in the home would be of inestimable benefit.”

Ellen E. Fay, Missionary, Faith Mission, Kanbalu, Burma, India:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ For many years I have tried to have a quiet place for communion with God. The heathen in their homes have a place in one corner devoted to their gods, where many times a day they bow for worship. I hope and pray that your book may lead Christians to consecrate some place in their homes to God.”

David H. Wright, Secretary, American Red Cross, Philadelphia Chapter, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“It is a superb thought, and one that will, without doubt, weave itself into the pages of history.”

D. L. Anderson, for twenty-five years Assistant Superintendent of Bethany Sunday School, Philadelphia (John Wanamaker’s):

“I have read with much interest your ‘Home Chapel’ idea, and must say that I feel only God through His spirit could have inspired it. My sainted father and mother had a special place of prayer in our old Homestead. I have tried in a weak way to follow their example. The Home must be the salvation of the race or at least the foundation must be laid there. May God bless you and establish your plans over our country.”

William Hamilton, Chairman, Home and Visitation Committee, The International Sunday School Association, Toronto, Canada:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I commend your wisdom in reaching with this the chief officers of the various religious denominations, and I am glad to see with what unanimity they endorse a movement for the restitution of a Family Altar.”

G. S. Eddy, Associate General Secretary, Foreign Work, The International Committee of Young Men’s Christian Association, New York:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It is a remarkable little volume. If this could be introduced into every home, what good it would accomplish. May God bless you in this work.”

Robert H. Gardner, Secretary, World Conference on Faith and Order:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I am sure it will be of great value in restoring the recognition of the need of family prayers.”

Hubert Carleton, General Secretary and Editor of *St. Andrew’s Cross*:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ You are certainly to be congratulated on the interest you have aroused over such a very wide and influential field. A mention of it in *St. Andrew’s Cross* will, I am sure, call to the attention of many eager to do everything they can to de-

velop the Christian life in themselves and in others, the need and blessing of following what you advocate.”

W. S. Battin, Secretary and Registrar, Synod, Diocese of Toronto:

“The first thought that occurred to me, after the perusal of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ was one of thankfulness to the Divine Ruler that, in this age of strenuousness and worldliness, there should be one with a sufficient realization of the responsibility resting upon him to devote the necessary time and thought to a matter which certainly should be considered of first and paramount importance. In the career of every family, as in that of every individual, the fear of God should be the starting point, but in too many cases I fear it is not. If every young couple upon getting married could be persuaded, right at the start, to establish a chapel or altar in their home and have family prayer, it would prove a good example to the children, and prevent many troubles in after life. Much might be done by the clergy in this connection. In the building up of this vast country, yours and ours, we want good, honest, reliable, Christian men and women, and in the inculcation of the principles contained in your book, you are doing your best towards the attainment of this desirable result. Trusting that the effort may be abundantly blessed.”

PRESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES
AND SEMINARIES.

Henry B. Brown, A. M., President, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I certainly congratulate you on the courage you have had to present this matter in such a delightful way. If the plan could be carried out (and why could it not?) there would be no need for jails and penitentiaries. I appreciate more than I can tell your kindness in sending me a copy. If there is any way in which I can co-operate with you I shall be only too happy to do so.”

A. B. Storms, LL. D., D. D., President, Iowa State College:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The idea of having a chapel in every home is of great interest. The suggestion appeals to me strongly. I do not see why it is not practicable. In an age of feverish commercialism and intellectual excitement men need more than ever a place of retreat.”

W. H. P. Faunce, D. D., President, Brown University, Providence:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Certainly the home is the unit of civilization, and whatever strengthens and deepens home life is an aid to the life of the entire nation. I believe in the quiet hour as of great value to every human being, and shall be glad if, through your efforts, that hour can find permanent place in many lives.”

James B. Angell, LL. D., President, University of Michigan:

“Thank you for ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ containing your excellent suggestion and its endorsement by eminent men, some of them my old friends. It gives me great pleasure to say how heartily I coincide with you and with them, and especially with my old college-mate, George Dana Boardman. If this publication serves to restore the old custom of family prayers, you will no doubt regard yourself as amply repaid.”

Edgar Fahs Smith, Sc. D., LL. D., Provost, University of Pennsylvania:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I want you to know that I feel there is a great deal in your plan—more than any one of us realizes.”

F. W. Hamilton, D. D., LL. D., President, Tufts College, Mass.:

“You propose a noble and helpful ideal.”

David Starr Jordan, LL. D., President, Leland Stanford, Jr., University, California :

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ The suggestion is certainly one of great interest to religious people.”

Henry S. Drinker, LL. D., President, Lehigh University :

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have read it with much interest and have at once placed it in our college library for the inspection of our faculty and students.”

Sidney E. Mezes, Ph. D., President, University of Texas :

“Your suggestion and the letters regarding it are sure to prove helpful and inspiring to those who are fortunate enough to receive them.”

Alston Ellis, Ph. D., LL. D., President, Ohio University :

“I thank you for giving me the opportunity to read and study the contents of the booklet which is freighted with what I regard as a most pertinent statement relative to a matter of supreme importance.”

A. W. Harris, LL. D., President, Northwestern University, Evanstown and Chicago, Ill. :

“I am much interested in the purpose of your booklet, ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I trust it will accomplish the results which your energy deserves.”

Josiah H. Penniman, LL. D., Provost, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia :

“The thought that there should be set apart a portion of each day for religious meditation and worship is, of course, a generally accepted one, but your thought that there should not only be a *time*, but also a *special place* in every home, however great, or how-

ever humble, which should be set apart as a place of worship, is of importance, for it emphasizes the necessity in the life, and in the home. Moreover, the fact that there is such a *place* in the house is likely to keep ever in the minds of its occupants, the necessity of having also a *time* for worship.

“Of course, God may be worshipped acceptably in any place, but, in a *special place*, the worship is less apt to be interfered with by the encroachments of worldly thoughts and worldly things. If your idea could be realized in every home where men profess and believe in and worship God, the effect on those who do not make such professions would be incalculably great for good.

“May your devotion to a great cause, the greatest of all causes, be rewarded by the setting apart of innumerable places of worship sacred to God whom we profess to serve.”

Edwin E. Sparks, LL. D., President, Pennsylvania State College:

“The matter you present so lucidly and forcefully should appeal to every American citizen. I will place the book in the college library where I hope it will be of continued service to present and future students.”

Frank Strong, Chancellor of the University of Kansas:

“With best wishes for ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ ”

Henry A. Buttz, D. D., President, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.:

“The setting apart of a particular room in the house, however small, as you suggest, which shall be recognized as the home of the spirit, where the family and friends may be gathered for communion with God, cannot be otherwise than promotive of spiritual life and constitute a telling uplift towards better living; it will also serve as a bond to unite parents and children together better perhaps than any other method.”

The Rev. J. H. Stahr, President, Franklin and Marshall College:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I have read it with a great deal of interest and I heartily agree with you in the statement that ‘any effectual means of strengthening and uplifting home life, of deepening the religious and moral convictions and purity which are the very essence of home life, must have vital effect upon the national life of the human family as a whole.’ If every family could be induced to have a sacred place, a sacred time would naturally follow, and there would be restored to family life the element of stated worship now so sadly lacking.”

Gustav Andrees, President of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ received. I thank you very much for the same and certainly believe with you that there should be a family center for spiritual thought and communication and uplift. In my father’s home, I may well say that his library was this center. In Fjellstedt College, in Upsala, Sweden, there was a room set apart for the use of the students and teachers, solely for prayer and meditation.”

George B. Stewart, President of the Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, New York:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I wish to express my unqualified approval of the idea. Many years ago Mrs. Stewart and I entertained the same thought and set apart a room in our house for such uses. It is true, we did not carry out the idea as fully as you have carried it out, but we regarded it as our ‘prayer room.’ I think you have worked out the idea in a beautiful and in a practical way, and I join with you in the hope that many may be led by what you have said to consecrate their homes in this most helpful way.”

E. P. Fairchild, President, Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tennessee:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I was much impressed when I first saw the title, with the value of the thought. I think there can be no question but that this important message was given you to deliver at this time. We have always had the family altar at our home since our marriage in 1882 and I would rather be deprived of most any other daily blessing than this. There should also be the *Chapel* in Every home. This seems natural and almost a *necessity*, and would be quite sure to lead to family prayers.”

Woodrow Wilson, President of Princeton University:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I am sure that every one will appreciate the spirit in which you have conceived it.”

Fletcher Homan, LL. D., President, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It is designed to do great good and to accomplish the most permanent blessings in every home. A reverential appreciation of the presence of God is the surest ground of safety and happiness for the home, the community or nation. May the richest blessings of the Father of us all attend this great service to mankind.”

D. R. Frazer, President of the German Theological School of Newark, N. J.:

“The specific work of our school is the training of ministers to carry the gospel to the hosts of foreign-speaking peoples now landing on our shores, in order that every man may hear the glad tidings in his own tongue wherein he was born. Of course, this immense immigration brings its own perils and problems. These we are striving to solve. But we feel that the real danger of our civilization lies in the degradation of the American home in which is being reared a generation concerning whom it can be truthfully said, God is not in all their thoughts. This new effort re-

bukes this tendency to live 'without God in the world' and we hope it may help in the speedy uprearing of 'A Chapel in Every Home.' "

Rev. Samuel Hart Dean, Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn.:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Your plan and purpose certainly commend themselves, and I sincerely hope that what you have written will bring many to see the value of rightly ordered family prayer suitably provided for."

The Right Rev. Lewis W. Burton, President, Margaret College, Versailles, Ky.:

"I wish and earnestly pray that your lofty ideals and purpose may have the most desirable result of leading our people to a return to the family altar and to such devotions as will sanctify the home, and prevent that which seems to be the most dangerous of the features of our modern civilization—the loss to the modern generation of pure, inspiring home-life, which was such a mighty factor in the life of preceding generations, the problems of modern house-keeping breaking up everywhere the households of our people."

OTHER EDUCATORS.

Charles F. Kent, Professor of Biblical Literature, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I am eager to welcome any plan which will develop religion here in America. This development of the family so that it will function, is certainly the great task which lies before us in the present generation. In many homes, especially where the more ritualistic type of faith prevails, I am sure that your plan will prove of great value. It has seemed to me that in the average home the problem of restoring family worship must be worked out by adapting it very closely and simply to the habits and limitations of each individual family group, as they at present exist."

Warren Powers Laird, Dean, Department of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.:

“The Family Altar of earlier generations was but a name as far as concerned the visible instruments of divine worship, and yet how real the influence upon home life of the thing for which that name stood, the daily gathering of the household for a common approach to the presence of a personal God! The practice seems to be passing with changing conditions of life, yet the necessity for it is no less. Indeed, the increasing diversity and pressure of the distractions of life, render more desirable some tangible reminder of the necessity of prayer in daily life, and your suggestion of ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ points the way to a practical satisfaction of that need.

“To the architect whose created works are not only the seat but the symbol of the life to be lived within them, the opportunity to incorporate a chapel in the home must bring peculiar satisfaction, for it would enable him to complete the practical provisions for the various functions of home life, now too universally confined to the physical and social sides. The ‘oratory’ or private chapel of mediaeval times has ever enriched and dignified the house in which it appeared because it was a frank declaration, in the most beautiful form possible to craftsmanship, of the supreme place allotted to religion in the life of the establishment.

“It is to be hoped that the place of prayer will increasingly be made a part of the equipment of our homes and I am sure that your earnest efforts will give distinct impulse to this end.”

William Draper Lewis, Dean, Department of Law, University of Pennsylvania:

“Each line of what you say bears evidence of the fact that you have given to the idea your best thought for a long time. The idea is an inspiring one and you have succeeded in giving me some of your enthusiasm for it.”

Richard M. Jones, LL. D., Head Master, William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia:

“I have been greatly interested in the subject which you present so lucidly and so convincingly. You certainly are on the right track, and if you accomplish nothing more than to draw the attention of our people to the importance of some sort of family worship, your efforts will merit and will receive the grateful appreciation of your fellow men.”

George E. Nitzsche, Recorder of the University of Pennsylvania:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home’ is a very great contribution to the general betterment of humanity. I am sure it already has, and will continue to have, wide influence in making happier many homes.”

ACACIA FRATERNITY.

Acacia Fraternity, Cornell University, Allen Jayne, Secretary:

“Our chapter is in receipt of ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Personally I believe that the chief ill of the country today is the lack of religious influence on the children in their own homes. Religious impressions when made on children at the proper age go deep into the character and have great influence in the years to come, although sometimes this influence is not recognized by any except the person himself.”

Acacia Fraternity, University of Chicago, Donald J. Pope, Secretary:

“Our chapter is in receipt of ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Our complex society is continually more in need of higher ideals of duty to God and fellow man and each should note with pleasure the efforts of all who attempt to raise these ideals.”

Acacia Fraternity, Columbia University, New York, E. F. Humphrey, Secretary:

"I wish on behalf of Tsadhe Chapter of Acacia Fraternity to extend to you our heartfelt thanks for the copy of 'A Chapel in Every Home.' It brings back to our minds the impressive talk on that subject given to us on that memorable March 20th night. We shall most carefully treasure it among our archives."

Acacia Fraternity, Columbia University, New York, H. H. Holmes, President:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Many thanks on behalf of our chapter, but a gift so extraordinary in its sweetness of spirit merits all that can be said personally and officially.

"I can anticipate the joy of our chapter by my own delight. The night of our first banquet you engraved upon the tablets of our hearts, 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Pleasant are those memories, and now that we have the same beautiful sentiments in booklet form you may imagine our appreciation. Coming at this day of unrest and skepticism, 'A Chapel in Every Home' serves well to strike a counter stroke to such movements, and I am sure many of our youthful courses will be steered to better services by your kind words."

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"You have made a valuable addition to our library and given us a good thought. We thank you most heartily, especially for the idea."

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" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' You have given us a great ideal to think about and the thoughts and sentiments expressed in it will receive much consideration from us."

Acacia Fraternity, University of Michigan, L. S. Mercer, Secretary:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ We appreciate it and feel that it is something that deserves more than ordinary attention.”

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“I recall that you spoke to me of this beautiful thought nearly ten years ago, and the words you used made me realize, as I had never done before, affirmatively and positively, the value as a tower of strength and consolation in the family life of men and women of the presence of a domestic shrine. I have never forgotten those words, and I am now happy in being the recipient of the book in which the thought is permanently embalmed.”

George Wharton Pepper, United States Senator from Pennsylvania:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I entirely approve of your main idea. It seems to me that family prayers ought to be an important part of family life. I am sure that it is a great help to reverence and devotion to have a place set apart for family devotions. In my household we know from practical experience that this is true.”

Hon. George B. Orlady, President Judge, The Superior Court of Pennsylvania:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I sincerely hope that the seed thus planted will bear fruit an hundred fold.”

Charles F. Gallagher, Counsellor at Law, Boston, Mass.:

“ ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ It is a sentiment

that appeals to the religious side of every life. You have certainly sowed a wonderful quantity of good seed and the harvest ought to be ripe indeed."

John A. Dix, Ex-Governor of the State of New York:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home' builds a sure foundation for future generations of character of the Christian type. The chapel at the hearthstone where parents and children render thanks for blessings vouchsafed, should have the universal approval."

William Homan, Provincial Grand Treasurer for the United States, Royal Order of Scotland, New York City:

"I am full of enthusiasm over your work and know your initiative is the first impetus of a great movement."

W. D. Vincent, Vice-president, Old National Bank, Spokane, Washington:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' The idea is certainly a splendid one, and at this time can be made more impressive than ever after the war. Reading what you say makes one feel like being an evangelist in the cause. With the hope that there will be a chapel in Every home."

Mrs. Ida M. Ryan, Suffern, N. Y.:

"I think a chapel should be in every home."

Brig. Gen., F. S. Strong, U. S. Army:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' The purpose which prompted you to undertake the work is in the highest degree commendable and the results cannot be but satisfactory. It will be a pleasure for me to show it to as many of my friends as possible in the hope that it may strike a responsive chord in their hearts."

R. E. Field, Banker, Cincinnati, Ohio:

“I can only subscribe to the many high testimonials contained in ‘A Chapel in Every Home’ that it is, indeed, a wonderful idea and one which I am sure will bear fruit in bringing to millions of families in this universe a higher sense of duty to their Maker, with the certainty that civilization will be much more substantially advanced.”

Mary Dunn Kuser, Bordentown, N. J.:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ I congratulate you upon this work which I feel is an inspired one. The times are ripe for a great and universal religious uprising. There are evidences of the reaction against materialism on every hand and your book is one of the finger posts. The thought suggested is most beautiful and elevating and the concrete results will be beyond your estimating.”

Alba B. Johnson, President, The Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ One of the saddest things of this period in which we live is the decadence of family worship and the lack of religious teaching in the home. The loss of religious vitality therefrom to the younger generation is a deplorable fact which must have far-reaching effects, and against which we should strive with every effort in our power.”

Howard B. French, President, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce:

“I trust that your vision may grow as years pass and that your life may be spared to realize that the foundation which you commenced constructing in 1898 will show a superstructure appropriate to the foundation which you built.”

Francis B. Reeves, Philadelphia:

“‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ Thank God I know

the value of the chapel in the home, by dearest experience. It is to be lamented that our gospel preachers as a rule are not alive to the duties of father and mother in the home."

John S. Bioren, Merchants Union Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa.:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' It would be of vast advantage to our country were a greater recognition made in American family life of Almighty guidance. The subject is approached from innumerable points of view, but the need exists and acknowledgment should be more general."

John A. Wiedersheim, Philadelphia, Pa.:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' Its object is great and I hope that it will do much, all in good time. In these days of business, excitement, pleasure and forgetfulness, causing indifference to and neglect of our Maker, your work will help to bring back the people to their allegiance and duty to Him."

John McMurdie Warner, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' I thank you sincerely for the privilege of having this tribute of your respect and love to all powerful God to keep as a permanent memento of a friendship which has extended over eighteen years; and during the past ten years or more, when in some quiet spot wherever I happened to be, I have daily asked our Heavenly Father to bless and guide you and your family."

George Bradford Carr, Member of the Philadelphia Bar:

" 'A Chapel in Every Home.' In reading it I find myself in hearty accord with every word and line of its contents. It is an appeal to the highest and best in all of us. I am sure that you are right, and that if we

lived closer to God in prosperity, our burden of sorrow would be lighter to bring to Him in time of disappointment and disaster.”

Rufus J. Foster, M. E., Scranton, Pennsylvania :

“Monday night at the annual dinner of the Men’s Guild of the St. Luke’s Parish, the speakers were the Rector, Rev. Robert P. Kreidler, Bishop Biller, South Dakota, Judge Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre, and Bishop Israel, of Erie. It will interest you to know that the text of Bishop Israel’s address was your book, ‘A Chapel in Every Home.’ He related how he had found a copy of the book on his desk at the General Convention and afterwards wrote you and received a copy of the more elaborately bound volume. His speech was a magnificent one, and very thrilling.”

William Waterall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania :

“ ‘The Chapel in the Home’—as you picture it—is a reverent and beautiful conception—and will surely be helpful in promoting the establishing of the family altar in the home. When I saw your little sanctuary in the West Philadelphia home, it recalled far-off days, and the sacred devotions that hallow the memory of my boyhood life in England, and my matured family life in America. Trusting that God’s blessing will go with this message.”

In the foregoing reception of the message of “A Chapel in Every Home” we find men and women, hailing with praise and gladness the dawn of pre-eminent reverence, veneration and respect for Almighty God in all human habitations. There is a gentleness, a completeness about their closing around the message with mingling consecration—a perfect acceptance, which makes it imperishable. This message will live from generation to generation, even unto the end, growing by adoption into a fullness and beauty; crowning hu-

man existence with new joys through a daily closer communion with our Father in Heaven, and every home shall be a house of prayer.

“Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word that I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord.”—Ezekiel 12: 27-28.

This appeal to the world for a chapel in every home closes with the prayer that all who read it may see the vision of the future in its adoption, and help to make the vision a reality.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”—Philemon iv : 7.

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